

ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BIBLE FOR ALL (BFA) MATERIAL FOR DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Luke – Discipleship

Sermon Series

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Jesus Prepares for His Work

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PREPARE: READ AND UNDERSTAND

Read the text throughout the week(s) before your group time and consider what it is saying



What do you notice as you read this passage?

Dig Deeper Study Tools

- Author's Purpose
- Context
- Structure
- Linking Words
- Parallels
- Narrator's Comment
- Vocabulary
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- Tone and Feel
- Repetition
- Quotation/Allusion
- Genre
- Copycat
- Bible Timeline
- "Who am I"
- "So What"



What questions do you have about this passage?



What is the main idea of the passage?



What is the Spirit leading you to do in obedience to this passage?

What applications have you made to your life and faith?

PREPARE TO SHARE: LOOK BACK

What was your walk with God like in the last few weeks?

Who has God laid on your heart to pray for?

GROUP: SHARE AND PRAY

Take note of your group members' sharing.

Come together as a group to pray for each other and for the needs of the church and the world (see this month's prayer bulletin).

GROUP: WORSHIP TOGETHER

Prepare your hearts to read God's Word and apply it to your lives through worshipping together.

GROUP: STUDY

Read Luke 2:39-3:22.

1. What questions did you have as you read the passage? Discuss them as a group.
2. What did Jesus mean when he said “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” What was he telling Joseph and Mary (Luke 2:29)?
3. Read Luke 3:7-14 again. What is the core of John’s message? In what way(s) is it different from the gospel of Jesus Christ?
4. Why is it important that when Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him, and a voice came from heaven declaring God’s pleasure with His Son?
5. Who is Jesus, according to Luke?
6. What is the main point of this passage?
7. What applications have you made to your life and faith? Discuss them as a group.

GROUP: DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS

John said “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

- What does fruit in keeping with repentance look like for Christians?

- The Jews relied on their biological identity as children of Abraham, but John says that is not sufficient. Christians rely on their spiritual identity as children of God in Christ – in what way(s) is this different from relying on being a church member?

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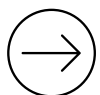
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Read Luke 4:1-30.

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2. Why was Jesus able to resist the temptations of the devil?
3. What are the three temptations of the devil recorded here in Luke? Why are these important in establishing Jesus' character?
4. What is Jesus saying about himself in v.21?
5. What was Jesus saying in vv.25-27?? Why were those in the synagogue offended?
6. What is the main point of this passage?
7. What applications have you made to your life and faith? Discuss them as a group.

GROUP: DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS

- Jesus' disciples are given the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God – what do we struggle with in resisting the devil's temptations?

- The good news of salvation is for the whole world – some of our loved ones may not be saved while those we dislike may be. How do you feel about this truth?