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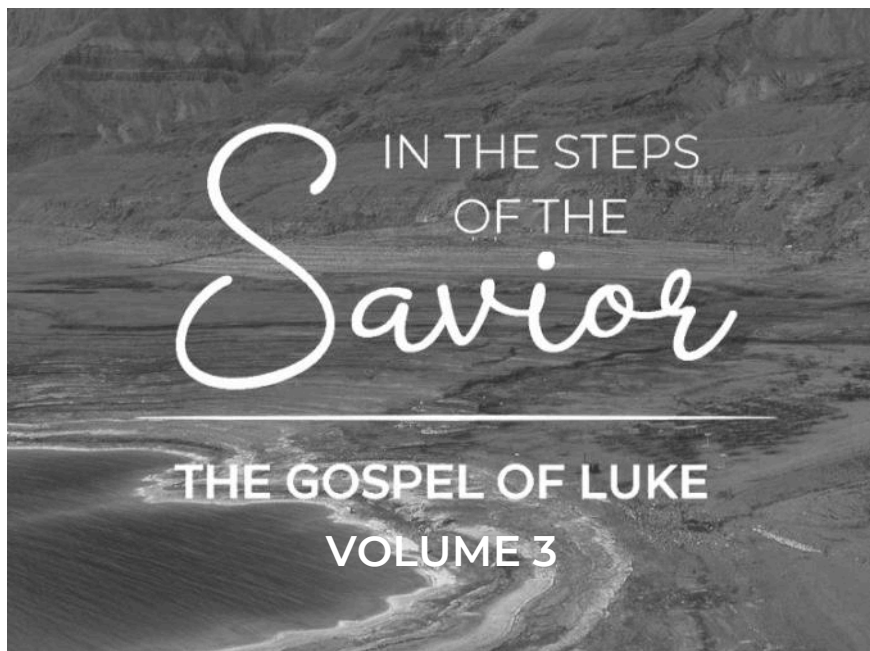
IN THE STEPS OF THE
Savior

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
VOLUME 3

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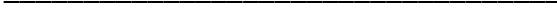
Luke 5:27—6:49

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Introduction

**“Open my eyes so I can truly see
the marvelous things in your law.”**

Psalm 119:18 (NET)

We are thrilled that you are continuing to invest in your spiritual growth and maturity! In his second letter, Peter encourages us to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). This booklet will help you to know more about Him—and hopefully know Him better as well!

LUKE SERMON SERIES

We are still in the same sermon series as the previous *Recharge* book. This study through the third gospel—“LUKE: In the Steps of the Savior”—is walking us through Jesus’ life and ministry. As I’ve mentioned before, with over nineteen thousand words in Luke, it is going to take us a long time to work our way through this study.

We will transition into a new study in May of this year, but we will return to our study through Luke in 2023. As we did before when studying the book of Acts, we will divide this study into manageable sections and focus a few months on a section each year.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

“Luke is the first of a two-part work. In this work, the history of the Gospel is traced from its beginnings in the life of Jesus (the Gospel of Luke) to the founding of the early church (the Acts of the Apostles).

“The author of the Gospel of Luke is more interested in persons, especially those in trouble, than in ideas. He also is a skilled writer, and the literary quality of the Gospel of Luke is the highest of all four Gospels. Luke often is the most interesting Gospel to read. But he is also a serious historian who places Jesus within the context of world history. He presents Jesus and the church as the fulfillment of the history of salvation.

“Luke has the most universal outlook of all the Gospels: he portrays Jesus as a man with compassion for all peoples. Whereas Matthew traces Jesus’ genealogy back to Abraham, the father of the Hebrew people (1:2), Luke traces it back to Adam, the father of the human race (3:38). In Matthew Jesus sends His disciples ‘to the lost sheep of the house of Israel’ (10:6) only, but Luke omits this limitation.”

(Excerpt from *Nelson’s Student Bible Dictionary*)

SPRING 2022 RECHARGE STUDIES

This issue of *Recharge* is labeled as “Volume 3” of the study through the Gospel of Luke. Just as a reminder, we will publish “Volume 1” later this year—in November or December. My goal in this is to provide you with a study of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus during the holiday season.

The book you hold in your hand has been designed to be your companion throughout this study in Luke. Each week contains:

- A page to take notes from each Sunday’s sermons,
- A page for notes/prayer needs from your Community Group,
- A Bible reading plan to read through all four gospels.
- And follow-up studies for three days each week.

The Bible reading plan is a continuation of our previous *Recharge* book. This plan is based off a plan created by Life Church in Oklahoma

City. It is what we call a “harmony of the gospels.” The idea behind it is to read all of the accounts of the life of Jesus in the order in which they occurred, because not all of the gospels were written in chronological order. Reading them this way will give you a different perspective of the goal and purpose of each gospel writer.



Read this plan on the
YouVersion Bible App

There is a full list of this Bible Reading Plan at the back of the book. If you did not start this plan with the Winter 2022 *Recharge*, you still have plenty of time to finish in the next several weeks. I would encourage you to try to make that happen before Easter!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of our pastors. Our prayer is that these studies will provide you with a daily *Recharge* for your life!

Pastor Wade Allen

Week 1

March 6, 2022

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 5:27-39

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 9

- John 9:1-41
- John 10:1-21
- Luke 10
- John 10:22-42
- Luke 12
- Luke 13
- Luke 14

Week 1 Day 1

Bible Reading: **Luke 5:27-32**

Questions for Reflection:

Who did Jesus call to follow Him in these verses?

What was his occupation? What is his other name?
(c.f. Matthew 9:9-17)

What do we know about tax collectors in that day? Would they be considered wealthy? How did they obtain their wealth?

How does knowing tax collectors were very wealthy deepen our understanding of verse 28?

Week 1 Day 2

Bible Reading: **Luke 5:30-35**

Questions for Reflection:

In verses 31-32, Jesus made His feelings very clear about Matthew's decision to follow Him. What did Jesus say about spending time with sinful people?

Read Matthew 9: 10-13. What additional information do we learn from this parallel passage? How does this help us to understand Jesus' heart about this issue?

Why were the Jewish leaders questioning Jesus about His disciples' habits of prayer and fasting? What motivated this line of questioning?

Why did Jesus use a picture of a bridegroom in verses 33-35? What does this represent? Who is the bride? (c.f. Ephesians 5:22-23)

Week 1 Day 3

Bible Reading: **Luke 5:36-39**

Questions for Reflection:

What is a parable? What is its purpose?

Why did Jesus teach using parables? (c.f. Luke 8:9-15)

What are the two primary metaphors used in this parable?

Why is it a problem to use new fabric to patch old clothing?
... or a problem to put new wine into old wineskins?

What correlation is Jesus making here in regard to the old and new covenants?

Week 2

March 13, 2022

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: **Luke 6:1-11**

Speaker: **Wade Allen**

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 10

- Luke 15
- Luke 16
- John 11
- Luke 17
- Luke 18:1-14
- Mark 10

Week 2 Day 1

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:1-5**

Questions for Reflection:

What were some of Jesus' disciples doing that upset the Pharisees?
Why did they get upset about this?

Read Deuteronomy 23:24-25. According to these verses, what was the law about plucking and eating food from someone else's field?

If the law allowed this, why did the Pharisees claim this was unlawful?

Why was it okay for David to eat the sacred bread from the house of God? What authority did he have to do this?

What authority did Jesus—the Son of Man—claim in this verse?

Week 2 Day 2

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:6-7**

Questions for Reflection:

What day of the week is the Jewish Sabbath? Why? (c.f. Genesis 2:1-3)

What was wrong with the man who was listening to Jesus teach in the synagogue?

Many scribes and Pharisees were watching and listening to Jesus. What was their motivation for doing this?

In what ways did this affect their ability to learn from what Jesus was teaching?

Why is it important to be teachable?

Week 2 Day 3

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:6-11**

Questions for Reflection:

Why did the scribes and Pharisees have a problem with Jesus healing this man? What would they accuse Jesus of if He healed the man with the withered hand?

How was Jesus able to know their thoughts? (c.f. Ps 139:1- 6)

In verse 9, do you think Jesus' question was rhetorical, or did the scribes and Pharisees just choose to not answer Him? Why?

Why do you think Jesus paused here and looked at them all before proceeding? How would you have felt if Jesus was staring you down as He did these leaders?

How did the Jewish leaders react to this miracle?

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text:

Speaker: David McEuen

Sermon Notes:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 11

- Matthew 19
- Matthew 20
- Matthew 21
- Luke 18:15-43
- Luke 19:1-48
- Mark 11
- Mark 12

Week 3 Day 1

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Questions for Reflection:

This passage is the beginning of a section of Jesus' teaching commonly referred to as the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). These verses have many similarities to the passage we will consider next Sunday from Luke 6, which is called the "Sermon on the Plain."

Both Matthew 5 and Luke 6 contain statements called "beatitudes"—or statements that begin with, "Blessed are..."

The ESV Study Bible explains: "Beatitudes are not conditions for entering the Kingdom of God but blessings pronounced on those who have already entered."

How does knowing this affect your understanding of Matthew 5: 1-12?

Matthew recorded nine statements here that begin with the word "blessed." What is the meaning of this word from a biblical context? (Hint: What does a Greek Lexicon or an Expository Bible Dictionary tell us about this word?)

Week 3 Day 2

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:3-7

Questions for Reflection:

In each of these beatitudes, Jesus started by describing the attitude an individual should seek to have and then shared the gift that is received from God as a result.

For each of these verses from Matthew 5, what is the attitude that Jesus is challenging us to have and how is the individual "blessed" as a result?

A = ATTITUDE

B- BLESSING

Verse 3 A:

B:

Verse 4 A:

B:

Verse 5 A:

B:

Verse 6 A:

B:

Verse 7 A:

B:

Week 3 Day 3

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:3-12

Questions for Reflection:

What is the attitude and blessing in each of the following beatitudes?

Verse 8 A:

B:

Verse 9 A:

B:

Verse 10 A:

B:

Verse 11 A:

B:

Both in verse 3 and 10, Jesus used the phrase "for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven? What does this mean?"

Read Matthew 5:10-12 again. Is it easy or difficult to consider yourself blessed in these circumstances? Explain.

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 6:12-26

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 12

- John 12
- Matthew 22
- Matthew 23
- Luke 20
- Luke 21
- Mark 13

Week 4 Day 1

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:12-16**

Questions for Reflection:

Where did Jesus go to pray? How long did He stay?

Why is it important to get alone to pray?

What do you do to get alone to pray? If you don't currently do this, how can you incorporate times of isolated prayer into your holy habits?

How many followers did Jesus have at this time?

How many of His followers did He call to be His apostles?
Who did He call?

Week 4 Day 2

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:17-19**

Questions for Reflection:

Mark 3:7-12 is a parallel passage to Luke 6:17-19. What more do we learn about the setting of these events based upon John Mark's account?

Some of those who came to hear Jesus that day were from Tyre and Sidon. Where is that? How were those people different from those Jesus normally ministered to?

What did Jesus do for the multitudes that had gathered around Him?

Why were the multitudes crowding in so close to Jesus?

Week 4 Day 3

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:20-26**

Questions for Reflection:

How many beatitude statements do we find in this passage?

What is included here in Luke 6 that is not found in Matthew 5?

The word "woe" that is used in verses 24-26 is "an interjection of grief or of denunciation" (Blue Letter Bible App). What is the correlation between these "Blessed are" and "Woe to you" passages?

If we understand these verses (Luke 6:24-26) to be solemn warnings rather than conditions for being excluded from God's Kingdom, what was Jesus warning them about?

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 6:27-36

Speaker: John O'Connor

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 13

- Matthew 24
- Matthew 25
- Matthew 26
- Mark 14
- Luke 22
- John 13

Week 5 Day 1

Bible Reading: Luke 6:27-30

Questions for Reflection:

What are the negative actions or characteristics of those described as our enemies in the following verses? In what positive way does Jesus teach us to respond?

	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE RESPONSE
Verse 27 -		
Verse 28a -		
Verse 28b-		
Verse 29a-		
Verse 29b -		
Verse 30-		

How might prayer affect our responses to these negative people and hurtful attitudes/actions?

Week 5 Day 2

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:29-31**

Questions for Reflection:

In what four ways did Jesus encourage His followers to act in a counter-cultural manner? What was the underlying emotional issue?

Counter-Cultural Response	Underlying Emotional Issue
Verse 29a-	
Verse 29b-	
Verse 30a-	
Verse 30b-	

Which of these responses is most difficult for you? Why?

Read Luke 6:31 again. Why is it so difficult to accomplish this in real life? What is keeping you from doing this in all of your relationships?

Week 5 Day 3

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:32-36**

Questions for Reflection:

How does Jesus describe a sinner's ability to love, to do good and to loan money?

As followers of Christ, why is it so important that we go beyond what a sinner would be able to do in these areas?

In verse 35, how does Jesus summarize this section?
What are the main points He wants us to remember?

To whom is God kind? How should we apply His example in our personal interactions?

In light of verse 35, why is it important that we are merciful, even as our Father is merciful?

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 6:37-42

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Community Group:

Location:

Date:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 14

- John 14
- John 15
- John 16
- John 17
- Luke 23
- Mark 15
- Matthew 27

Week 6 Day 1

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:37-38**

Questions for Reflection:

According to the study notes in the ESV study Bible, these verses literally mean to stop judging others, and stop condemning them. It explains, "Jesus is not ruling out the legitimate use of discernment, church discipline, and law courts, but is rather admonishing his listeners to discontinue their tendency to criticize and find fault with others."

In your own words, describe the difference between being judgmental (e.g. being critical, condemning or fault finding) with being gracious, merciful and forgiving.

With this in mind, how should we understand verse 37?

What is the result of not being judgmental but forgiving according to verse 38? What mental image does Jesus' analogy draw for us?

Week 6 Day 2

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:39-40**

Questions for Reflection:

Read Matthew 7:1-2. According to this parallel passage, what is the danger of having an overly critical spirit?

What is the inherent danger of being led by a blind man?

What are the spiritual implications of this in regard to spiritual growth and discipleship?

According to Luke 6:40, what is the goal of discipleship?
How is this also a challenge?

Week 6 Day 3

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:41-42**

Questions for Reflection:

What is the point that Jesus is trying to make in these verses?
What literary device does He use to drive home His point?

Before someone addresses sin that is apparent in the life of another, what must they do in regard to their own sin?

Why is it important that we recognize our own sinfulness?
(c.f. 1 Timothy 1:12-16)

Read Galatians 6: 1-2. How does this passage describe the process of confronting a fellow believer who is caught in some sort of sinful behavior?

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text:

Speaker: **Wade Allen**

Sermon Notes:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 15

- Matthew 28
- John 18
- John 19
- Mark 16
- Luke 24
- John 20-21

Bible Reading: **Psalm 51**

Questions for Reflection:

Last week, we spent time considering the attitudes that we sometimes have toward others—like being critical or judgmental of others and constantly looking for faults in others.

The concept of knowing who we are and why we behave the way we do is called self-awareness. When we misunderstand ourselves, we are also prone to misunderstand God. And a lack of self-awareness will also impact the way we view others and our interactions with them. All of this impacts our relationships—our relationship with God and others.

One of the most dangerous aspects of lacking self-awareness is that we can be unaware of our need for repentance. Self-awareness is the device that God can use to show us how desperately we need Jesus.

Self-awareness must begin with understanding the human heart. What does the Bible say about our hearts?

Jeremiah 17:9

Mark 7:21-23

Psalm 51:10

Jeremiah 29:13

Romans 10: 9-10

Bible Reading: Psalm 139

Questions for Reflection:

In Psalm 139, we find that God knows us even better than we know ourselves. The prayer of the psalmist was asking God to reveal to him the condition of his own heart. **Take a few minutes to pray Psalm 139: 23-24 back to God.** What did God reveal to you by His spirit as you were praying that prayer?

What do you need to do in response to His leading?

Read Matthew 22:37-40. What did Jesus say when asked which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

As we seek to gain greater self-awareness, our goal should be to measure our growth in light of Jesus' admonition to love God and love others.

Bible Reading: **John 14**

Questions for Reflection:

If we are to love God and love others, how can we know if we are doing this with all of our hearts? If our self-awareness is determined by how well we are loving God and loving others, what is the measure by which we are able to determine how we are doing?

Thankfully, God's Word is very clear about how we can know if we are loving God with our whole hearts or not. The Apostle John dealt with this issue in much of his writing.

Read the following verses. What does each verse have to say about demonstrating our love for God?

John 14:15-

1 John 2:3-6 -

1 John 5:2-3 -

When we fail to obey God, we are also failing to love God. As we grow in our self-awareness, we should see more and more ways in which we are failing to obey God. As we draw near to God and spend more time in His Word, He will fill us with wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9) making us aware of our own hearts as well as the hearts of those around us.

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 6:43-49

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Community Groups Will Not Meet Again Until May 1st!

Week 8 Day 1

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:43-45**

Questions for Reflection:

On **Week 1 Day 3**, we considered what a parable is and what its purpose is. Take a moment to review your answers from that study.

In Luke 6:43-45, Jesus is once again speaking in parables. What is the meaning of this parable? What does the fruit represent? What about the trees?

What is the fruit of a believer's life supposed to be like?

According to verse 45, how can we tell if someone is a good or bad "tree"? What serves as a witness to the condition of a man's heart?

Read Galatians 5:22-23. What will pour out of a man's heart if he is controlled by the Spirit?

Week 8 Day 2

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:43-46**

Questions for Reflection:

What is the meaning of the title "Lord"?

According to Hebrews 1:1-3 and 8-12, what evidence do we have that Jesus is Lord?

Why is it impossible to call someone your Lord if you do not obey them?

It has been said, "If Christ is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all."
What do you think about that? How does that make you feel?

Read Matthew 6:19-21. What did Jesus mean by what He said in verse 21?

Week 8 Day 3

Bible Reading: **Luke 6:46-49**

Questions for Reflection:

How does Jesus describe the person who hears and obeys His commands?

How does Jesus describe the one who does not obey God's Word?

What does the house represent in this passage? What about the storms and flood?

What is the underlying meaning of this metaphor? What is Jesus trying to teach them?

Instructions for SOAP Journaling

As we read God's Word, we begin to see how God responds to things. Doing **daily devotions** re-patterns the way we think and transforms the spirit of the mind. Then, when we face similar situations as Jesus did, we begin to respond in the same way.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time to reflect on and review some of the "gems" that you have received. Without writing these down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons!

S for Scripture
Open your Bible to today's reading on your Bible Reading Plan. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O for Observation
What is God saying in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal the truth of this verse to you. Now write a one or two sentence observation about that verse. What does the verse say? What does it mean?

A for Application
Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or correction for a particular area of your life. Now write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

P for Prayer
This can be as simple as asking God to help you apply this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say!

Don't forget to give your journal entry a title and put it in the Table of Contents. This will help you find it when you want to read it again.

HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

Bible Reading Plan

Week 1:

- John 1:1-14
- Luke 1
- Luke 2:1-38
- Matthew 1
- Luke 2:39-52
- Matthew 2
- Matthew 3

Week 2:

- Mark 1
- Luke 3
- Matthew 4
- Luke 4
- Luke 5
- John 1:15-21

Week 3:

- John 2
- John 3
- John 4
- John 5
- Matthew 12:1-21
- Mark 2
- Mark 3

Week 4:

- Luke 6
- Matthew 5
- Matthew 6
- Matthew 7
- Matthew 8:1-13
- Luke 7

Week 5:

- Matthew 11
- Matthew 12:22-50
- Matthew 13: 1-58
- Luke 11
- Luke 8
- Matthew 8:14-34

Week 6:

- Mark 4
- Mark 5
- Matthew 9
- Matthew 10
- Matthew 14
- Mark 6
- Luke 9:1-17

Week 7:

- John 6
- Matthew 15
- Mark 7
- Matthew 16
- Mark 8
- Luke 9:18-27

Week 8:

- Matthew 17
- Mark 9
- Luke 9:28-62
- Matthew 18
- John 7
- John 8

Week 9:

- John 9:1-41
- John 10:1-21
- Luke 10
- John 10:22-42
- Luke 12
- Luke 13
- Luke 14

Week 10:

- Luke 15
- Luke 16
- John 11
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- Luke 18:1-14
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- Matthew 19
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- Matthew 21
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- Luke 19:1-48
- Mark 11
- Mark 12

Week 12:

- John 12
- Matthew 22
- Matthew 23
- Luke 20
- Luke 21
- Mark 13

Week 13:

- Matthew 24
- Matthew 25
- Matthew 26
- Mark 14
- Luke 22
- John 13

Week 14:

- John 14
- John 15
- John 16
- John 17
- Luke 23
- Mark 15
- Matthew 27

Week 15:

- Matthew 28
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The focus of our sermon series will be on the events and teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded by Luke. The simple, inductive studies contained in this book will hopefully help you to absorb more of the truth found in this book.

It is our prayer that as we follow in the steps of our Savior that God will show you the things that He wants you to learn, and that you will obey all that He shows you!