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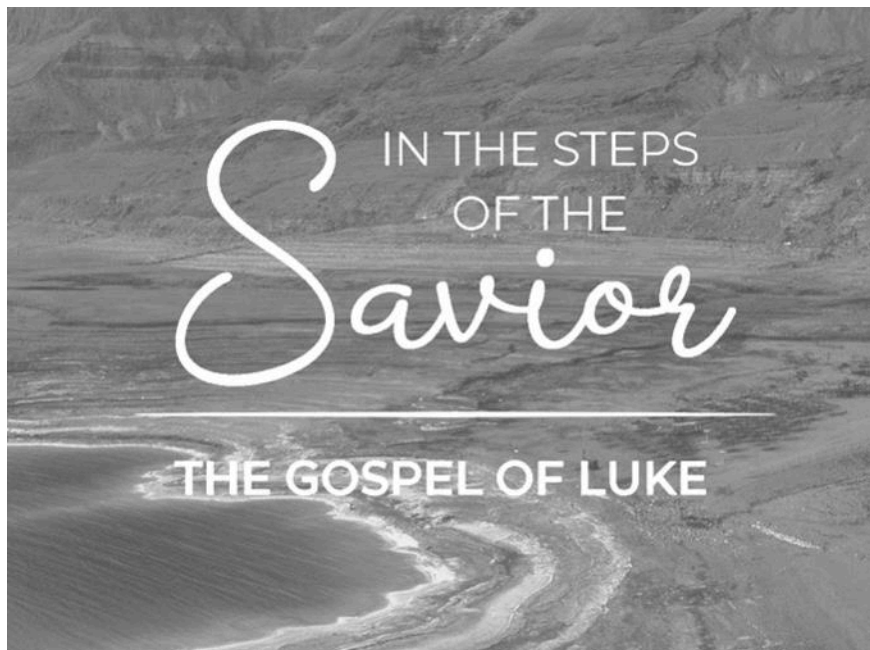
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

VOLUME 4

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Luke 7:1—9:50

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INTRODUCTION

“Open my eyes [to spiritual truth] so that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.”

Psalms 119:18 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

So, how’s your spiritual walk? We are just over a fourth of the way through this year now and I’m wondering... How would you compare your walk with the Lord today with last year? Or with ten years ago? One thing I have learned about the Christian life is that none of us has arrived! God still has more for you and I to learn. There are still things that He wants to change about us—our character, our behavior, our thought life, etc. The only way that the Holy Spirit will be able to make those changes in your life is if you dedicate time each day to reading and studying His Word. Have you made a plan for your spiritual growth for these coming months? If not, I would encourage you to do so; and I would encourage you to include this study book as a part of that plan!

Thank you for allowing me to come along side of you in this process! God’s plan for your life is to be transformed into the likeness of His Son—Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 4, Paul told us to “grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ ” (4:15). This booklet will help you do just that—mature in your faith in Jesus Christ!

Restarting Our Study in the Gospel of Luke

We are steadily making our way through the twenty-four chapters of the Gospel of Luke. This gospel is the longest book in the New Testament, so we are walking through its pages similarly to how a hiker might travel the Ozark Highlands Trail. The OHT is one of the premier long-distance hiking trails in the United States. When complete, the OHT will run about

320 miles across northern Arkansas. The longest continuous piece at this point is 207 miles across the Boston Mountains and Buffalo River areas.

Hiking a trail like that seems like it would be a monumental feat, but most outdoor enthusiasts who aspire to complete it do so in stages. For example, there are nine stages, each 15-20 miles in length, that traverse the Boston Mountains. This enables hikers to enjoy a section at a time!

Hopefully, we are enthusiasts also when it comes to studying God's Word! We started our trek through Luke's gospel in November 2021. We studied through chapter 6 by April 2022. Now, one year later, we're going to pick up where we left off and focus on Luke 7-9 for the next three months. We'll continue on this type of pace until we complete the book. Our target for completion is April 2026... Lord willing!

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS ON 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 2023 RECHARGE STUDIES

This issue of *Recharge* is designed to be your companion through the next section of this study in Luke. This book is Volume 4 of our study through the Gospel of Luke. As you work through this book, you will notice that each week of study contains:

- TWO pages to take notes from each Sunday's sermons.
(Several have requested more writing room for sermon notes. Others have requested less sermon so that their notes would fit the space. We have opted for more space rather than less sermon. 😊)
- A QR code link to the YouVersion study notes for each week.
- A page for notes/prayer concerns from your Community group.
- A Bible reading plan to SOAP Journal through the passages that parallel the passage from our weekly sermon text. Instructions for SOAP Journaling and a Table of Contents for your journal entries are located on pages 75-76.
- And two follow-up studies each week from the Sunday morning text and other related passages.

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

Sermon Title: **Power of Christ on Display**

Sermon Text: Luke 7:1-17

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

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Prayer Concerns:

Exercising Faith: Being Bold in His Presence

Matthew 7:7-11

Luke 17:5

Hebrews 4:14-16

Bible Reading: Matthew 8:5-13

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What do we know about Capernaum? What events have already occurred in this city of Galilee? (cf. Mark 1:21-25 and Luke 4:31-37; John 4:46-54; Mark 1:31-34 and Luke 4:38-41)

What is a centurion and for whom did he work? What was he asking of Jesus? Read Luke 7:2-5. Why did the Jewish elders advocate for this man? What was unusual about this centurion in comparison with other Roman officials?

According to Luke 7:6-8, why did the centurion ask that Jesus not come to his house? What did he believe about Jesus' power and authority to heal his servant?

How did Jesus respond to the centurion's request? What did He say to those around Him?

In Matthew 8:11, what is Jesus foretelling about the kingdom of heaven? Why is this such good news for non-Jewish people?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 7:11-17. Verse eleven tells us that a “great crowd went with” Jesus. How long has this crowd been following Him?
(Hint: Not necessarily the number of days, but the sequence of events.)

What do we know about the town called Nain? What is its proximity to Capernaum? What did Jesus come upon when He arrived there?

What did Jesus do when He saw what was happening? (cf. Luke 7:13-14)

What did Jewish law say about touching the dead? (cf. Numbers 19:11ff.)
In your opinion, did this cause Jesus to be unclean for seven days as the Law required?

What are some of the reasons that Jesus showed compassion to this widow? What challenges would a childless widow face in taking care of herself?

How did the people respond to what happened? What is the correlation between fear of God and worship of God? Did the people recognize Jesus for who He really is?

Sermon Title: **Prophecy of the Christ Confirmed**

Sermon Text: Luke 7:18-35

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

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Prayer Concerns:

Exercising Trust: Learning to Trust when Doubts Arise

Proverbs 3:5-6

Isaiah 55:8-9

Romans 8:28-30

Bible Reading: Matthew 11:2-19

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Matthew 3:1-17. Where was John the Baptist doing this ministry?
What was his message to those who came to listen to him preach?
What was the difference between John's baptism and the baptism of Jesus? (cf. 3:11)

What happened to John after the baptism of Jesus? (cf. Matthew 4:12)

We learn more about John's imprisonment later in this gospel. Read Matthew 14:3-5. Why did Herod the tetrarch arrest John the Baptist?

Now read the full context of the previous passage—Matthew 14:1-12. What happened to John the Baptist? Why did this take place?

How did Jesus respond when He heard this news? (cf. Matthew 14:13a)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 7:18-23. Why did John the Baptist send two of his disciples to Jesus? Why did he not go himself?

John's disciples asked Jesus if He was the Christ. How did Jesus answer them? What is the significance of Jesus' description of all that was happening? (cf. Isaiah 35:1-10)

Read Luke 7:28-34. Who accepted Jesus' teaching? Who rejected it? What is the 'purpose of God' that is referred to in verse 30?

The Pharisees rejected the ministries of both John the Baptist and Jesus? To what does Jesus compare his and John's ministries in verses 32-34?

What do the scribes and Pharisees have against John and the way he does ministry? What do they have against Jesus? How does verse 35 relate to verse 29?

Sermon Title: **Genuine Faith in the Christ Demonstrated**

Sermon Text: Luke 7:36 - 8:3

Speaker: Wade Allen

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Prayer Concerns:

Exercising Grace: Extending Grace vs. Passing Judgment

Proverbs 19:11

Matthew 18:21-35

Luke 6:36

Bible Reading: Luke 7:36 - 8:3 (No Parallel Passage in Gospels)

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 7:36-40. From whom did Jesus accept an invitation to dinner in his home? Why is this significant?

What kind of woman came to Jesus while he was there? What did she do for Jesus? Why were her actions so controversial?

How did the Pharisee react when he discovered what this woman was doing?

What kind of attitude do you think Simon the Pharisee had toward Jesus in verse 40? How much does our attitude affect our readiness to learn?

Simon the Pharisee seemed to understand Jesus' parable intellectually. Do you think he took Jesus' teaching to heart? Why or why not?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Briefly explain the teaching of this parable in Luke 7:41-42. Who do each of the people in the parable represent?

Why did Jesus take issue with Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7:44-46? What had Simon failed to do for his guest that was considered to be proper guidelines for hospitality in that day?

How would you feel if you entered a home and the person treated you inhospitably?

Why was this such a big deal for Jesus to tell her that her sins were forgiven? (cf. Daniel 9:9) Why were the people there questioning Jesus' authority to forgive sins?

How did this sinful woman receive forgiveness of sin? How was she saved? (cf. 7:50; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Sermon Title: **Kingdom Teaching of Christ Prioritized**

Sermon Text: Luke 8:4-21

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

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Prayer Concerns:

Exercising Obedience: Hearing = Doing

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Proverbs 10:9

Matthew 7:24-27

James 1:19-25

Bible Reading: Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 8:4-15. There are seven main things in this parable. What are they?

What does the seed represent?

What kind of person does the path represent? What is Jesus actually describing with the birds taking the seed from the path?

Why did the seed wither away in the rocky soil? What was missing in this scenario? (cf. Colossians 2:6-7)

What do the thorns represent in this parable? Does the thorny soil represent an authentic believer? Why or why not? (cf. Matthew 7:15-20)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 8:4-15 again. What does the “good soil” represent in the Parable of the Sower/Soils? What are the distinguishing characteristics of this person?

Who is the “sower” in this parable? (cf. Matthew 13:3; Mark 4:14)

What is my personal responsibility to be a “sower” of the Word of God?

Read Luke 8:16-18. The lighting of the lamp may represent a person receiving the Word of truth (cf. Luke 8:8, 15). What is a believer to do once they place their faith in Christ according to these verses?

According to verse 17, what effect does the light of God’s Word have on a person’s life? How should this motivate us to live?

Sermon Title: **Frailty and Authority of the Christ Revealed**

Sermon Text: Luke 8:22-25

Speaker: Wade Allen

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 8:22-25. What lake is referred to here? What other names is it known by?

What region were they in at this time? (cf. 8:1, 26)

Read Matthew 4:18-21. What was the occupation of Peter, Andrew, James and John before following Jesus? Where did they do this?

Were the apostles familiar with this body of water? Explain.

Realizing this, what does this tell us about this particular storm?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 8:22-25 again. Why do you think Jesus fell asleep? What can we learn about Jesus through this?

What did Jesus do when He was awakened? What can we learn about Jesus through this?

Why does Jesus question the faith of His disciples? What did their fear and doubt communicate to Jesus?

In this single incident, what did the disciples see in regard to Jesus' humanity and His divinity?

Sermon Title: **Supremacy of Christ Recognized**

Sermon Text: Luke 8:26-39

Speaker: Wade Allen

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Prayer Concerns:

Exercising Dependence: Called Out of Your Comfort Zone

Exodus 3:11-12

Matthew 6:25-33

Acts 4:23-31

Bible Reading: Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 8:26-39. Who did Jesus encounter when He arrived in the country of the Gerasenes? What was this man dealing with?

What had the local people done in an attempt to keep this demon-possessed man under control? How effective were they in doing this?

How did the demon-possessed man react when he saw Jesus? What did He say? What does this teach us about Jesus' authority in the spirit world?

What was the demon-possessed man's name? What was the reason for referring to himself in this way?

This section makes it clear that these demons were very powerful. What was their mind-set when encountering Jesus? Were they ready and willing to fight? Why? (cf. 8:28; James 2:19)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

For what did the demons ask permission in Luke 8:31? Where did the demons want to go when they were dispossessed from the man?

Why were the demons begging Jesus not to send them to the abyss? What is the abyss? (cf. 2 Peter 2:4)

What happened to the herd of pigs when the legion of demons entered them? Why do you think this happened? What does this teach us about the destructive power of demons?

Who was nearby that witnessed what happened? What did they do immediately after? According to verse 36, what was the most amazing aspect of all of this from their perspective?

How did the locals respond to Jesus' presence? Why do you think they responded this way?

Sermon Title: **Compassion of Christ Extended**

Sermon Text: Luke 8:40-56

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

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Prayer Concerns:

Exercising Gifts: The Outworking of God's Grace in Our Lives

Romans 12:3-8

1 Corinthians 12

Ephesians 4

1 Peter 4:10-11

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 8:40-48. Other than the annoyance of it, what were the implications of continually having a “discharge of blood”? (cf. 8:43)

How did this affect her socially and religiously? (cf. Leviticus 15:19-31)
What were some of the things that she would be disqualified from considering that she was socially and ceremonially unclean?

Why did Jesus ask: “Who touched me?” Was He unable to discern this?
What was His purpose in asking this question this way? (cf. 8:47)

Why would she be hesitant to admit that she touched Jesus? By asking His question in verse 45, what did Jesus enable this woman to do? Why is that important?

What did she actually do to be healed from this discharge? What is the source of her healing? (cf. 8:48)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 8:40-56. What is the significance of the fact that Jairus was the “ruler of the synagogue”? What did he request of Jesus? What does this tell us about his faith/belief in Jesus?

Jesus journey to Jairus’ house was interrupted by the woman with the discharge of blood. What new development occurred while He was still on His way? (cf. 8:49)

How did Jesus respond to the news of her death? How would you react if Jesus said this to you about your daughter who had just died?

What did Jesus do to restore life to this child? Why do you think it was necessary for the child to eat?

Why did Jesus instruct the parents to tell no one what had happened?

Sermon Title: **Mission of Christ Delegated**

Sermon Text: Luke 9:1-9

Speaker: Wade Allen

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Bible Reading: Matthew 10:5-42; Mark 6:7-29

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:1-6. For what purpose did Jesus send out His twelve apostles? Had they ever done this before? How were they able to do what He sent them to do?

How would you have felt if Jesus had sent you to do this?

What specific instructions did Jesus give them in regard to what they should or should not bring on their journey? (cf. Matthew 10:8-10)

What lesson do you think Jesus is trying to teach them by giving them these instructions?

Why would it be important for the apostles to stay in one location and not move around?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:5. By telling the apostles this, what is Jesus preparing them for? Had they experienced much of this to this point?

Read Matthew 10:11-33. What additional warnings did Matthew include with Jesus' instructions to the apostles? Why did Jesus tell them to not be afraid?

In all of the gospel accounts of this event, Jesus instructs His apostles to "shake off the dust from your feet" when people rejected their message. What is the meaning behind this phrase?

(cf. Acts 13:13-51; N.B. 44-48, 51)

How does this affect our responsibility to share the gospel?

Sermon Title: **Provision of Christ Experienced**

Sermon Text: Luke 9:10-17

Speaker: David McEuen

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Prayer Concerns:

Exercising Compassion: Demonstrating the Love of God

John 13:34-35

1 Corinthians 13

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:10-17. From where were the apostles returning? What had they been doing? Why is it important to debrief after intense seasons of ministry?

What did Jesus lead them to do after returning from this intense time of ministry? (cf. Mark 6:30-32) Was this His custom? (cf. Luke 5:16)

Read 1 Kings 18:19-46; 19:1-4. In this story about Elijah and the prophets of Baal, Elijah experiences great victories for the Lord against these false prophets. What happened next (cf. 19:1-3)? What was Elijah's emotional state in 19:4?

Read 1 Kings 19:5-8. What did Elijah do when he plummeted into this desperate condition? Why is it important to do this? What was the result of this (cf. 19:8)?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:10-17 again. Were Jesus and the apostles able to enjoy their time away from the crowds? What happened? How did Jesus respond to them?

What can we learn from Jesus' compassionate response to the crowds?

Why were the apostles concerned about sending the crowds away? What was the problem? What was Jesus' suggestion to remedy this problem? Why would this be difficult for the apostles?

According to John 6:1-15, where did the five loaves and two fish come from? What did Jesus do with this meager portion?

Considering the context of this passage—specifically Luke 9:1-9—what is the significance of Jesus working through His apostles (9:16) to carry out this miracle—the feeding of the 5,000?

Sermon Title: **Cost of Following Christ Unveiled**

Sermon Text: Luke 9:18-27

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

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Bible Reading: Matthew 16:13-28; Mark 8:27 - 9:1

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:18-22. In verse 18, where do we once again see Jesus? Where did Jesus go after this intense ministry event (cf. 9:10-17)?

In general terms, why is asking questions a good way to learn/teach?

What did Jesus ask the disciples in verse 18?

By asking what others thought about Him, Jesus was able to get the apostles to think about their answer to this question. How did Simon Peter answer Jesus' question?

What is the meaning of the word Christ? According to Jewish tradition, what was expected of the Christ?

Jesus instructed them to tell no one who He really is. What did He fear might happen if people knew He was the promised Messiah? How would this derail God's plan of redemption? (cf. John 6:14-15)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:23-27. What does the phrase “take up his cross daily” mean? To what is Jesus alluding by saying it this way?

According to these verses, what is the first thing we must do to follow Jesus? Why is this vital in taking up our crosses daily?

What is the counterintuitive explanation that is given here by Jesus about saving/losing your life? How are we to lose our lives according to verse 24?

Read Philippians 2:3-5. What is the overriding mindset, or attitude, that we are challenged to have in these verses? What comparisons do you see between Philippians 2:3-5 and Luke 9:23-25?

Read Luke 9:26 again. What would your life look like if you were not ashamed of Jesus and His words? At what point might Jesus be ashamed of His followers? (cf. 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10) When will this judgment take place?

Sermon Title: **Divine Glory of Christ Manifested**

Sermon Text: Luke 9:27-36

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

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Exercising Contentment: Dangers of Comparisons in Life

Philippians 4:10-14

Hebrews 12:1-3

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:28-36. Who went with Jesus “up on the mountain to pray”?

What were the three apostles doing while Jesus was praying? What were they supposed to be doing?

Is this also something you struggle with? Explain.

What happened to Jesus while He was praying? Read Matthew 17:1-2. How does Luke’s description of Jesus’ face differ from Matthew’s?

Why did Jesus’ face change in this way? What does this teach us about Him? (cf. John 1:1-5; 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:28-36 again. Who appeared together with Jesus on the mountain? What was the topic of their conversation with Jesus?

What did Peter propose to Jesus when he finally woke up and realized what was happening?

What was the significance of setting up tents (cf. Leviticus 23:33-44) for them? What was wrong with Peter's idea?

In Luke 9:34-35, the Bible says that a cloud came over them. In Jewish tradition, what did the cloud represent? (cf. Exodus 13:21-22) Why did this cause them to be afraid?

What did the Voice from the cloud say about Jesus? Why was it important that Moses and Elijah were no longer there when this was said?

Sermon Title: **Ultimate Purpose of Christ Repeated**

Sermon Text: Luke 9:37-50

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

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Bible Reading: Matthew 17:14 - 8:5; Mark 9:14-37

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:37-42. Who cried out to Jesus from the crowd? What was he asking Jesus to do? What had this man done before to get deliverance for his son? What was the result?

How did Jesus respond to this information from the father of the boy? What do you think Jesus was thinking and feeling as He said this?

Read Matthew 17:17-21. What additional information do we learn from Matthew's account? What is Jesus challenging his disciples—and us—to do?

How much control did the demon have over the boy? How much control did Jesus have over the demon? How should this impact our faith in Jesus?

Read Luke 9:43-50. What did Jesus say to His disciples immediately after healing the demon-possessed boy? After all they had just witnessed, why was it difficult for the disciples to understand?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 9:46-50. What is the underlying issue that would cause the apostles to have an argument like the one described in verse 46?

There are many verses dealing with the issue of pride in the Bible. Consider Daniel's message to King Belshazzar in Daniel 5:18-30. What did God do to humble his predecessor, King Nebuchadnezzar?

What did King Belshazzar learn from this? What was the result?
(cf. Daniel 9:26-28,30)

What did Jesus do to teach His apostles the value of humility?
(cf. Luke 9:47-48)

Children were of little importance in the culture of that day. What are some of the characteristics of a child that Jesus hoped His apostles would emulate?

In verse 49, the apostles tried to stop someone from casting out a demon in Jesus' name. What do you think motivated them to try to stop this person? How does their struggle with pride affect this?

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.

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- A page for notes/prayer needs from your Community Group,
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- And two days of follow-up studies from the sermon text and other related passages.

The focus of our sermon series will be on the person and power 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 us the things He wants us to learn, and that we will obey all that He shows us!