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DISCIPLINES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

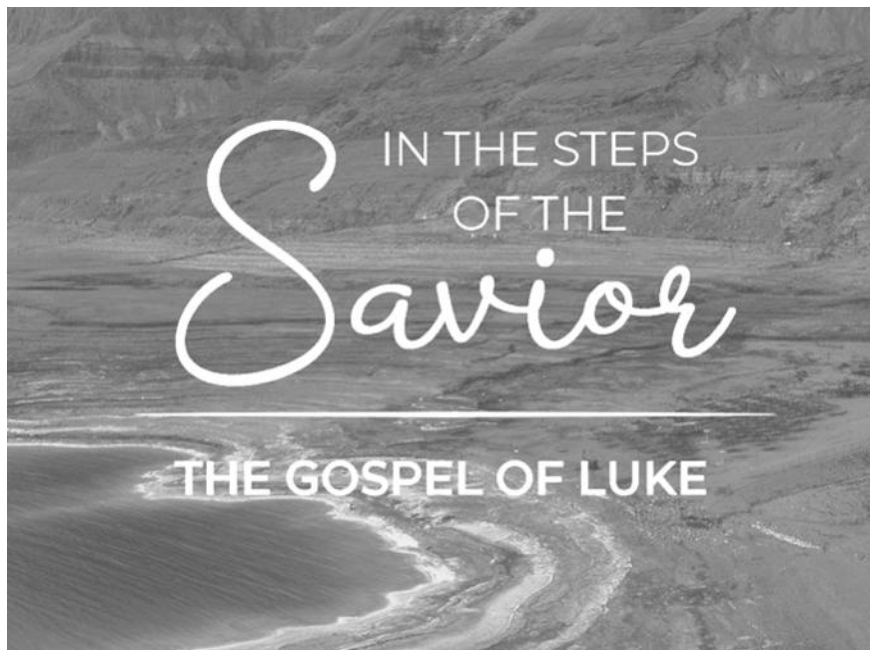
IN THE STEPS OF THE
Savior

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
VOLUME 7

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Luke 17:11–19:44

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INTRODUCTION

“Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wonderful things from Your instruction .”

Psalm 119:18 (HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE)

There is a habit that I would guess almost everyone reading this book is faithful to do—and do it every single day. Do you know what habit I’m talking about? That’s right—charging your cell phone! Why are we all so faithful to do this when we struggle to faithfully do other things everyday that are ultimately much more important in the long run? Honestly, I think one main reason for our faithfulness is the little battery widget on our phones that tell us when our charge is getting low. My phone warns me when it gets to 20%, and then again at 10%, and again at 5%. If we ever let it get down that low, we immediately start looking for our charger. Why? Because we know if we keep using it without recharging it, it will die, and very few of us want to deal with having a dead phone.

Wouldn’t be nice if we had a battery widget for our soul? Wouldn’t it be helpful to know when we were on the edge of being emotionally spent? If we did, we could plug in to the Word of God for a recharge! Sadly, no such widget exists, but I have learned from experience that I personally need that recharge every single day, multiple times a day.

Every day, we are faced with challenges and difficulties that can wear us down. Our motivation to “take on the day” ebbs and flows like the ocean tides. This is why it is vital for us to start each day in the Word of God. It will be the recharge that you need to kick start your day! The book that you are holding is intended to supplement this daily devotional process.

Our Continuing Study in the Gospel of Luke

Back in the fall of 2021, we started a study through the Gospel of Luke. We have had fifty-six sermons so far in this series covering the first sixteen chapters of the book, and we are currently on track to complete our study in Luke by the Spring of 2027. Our plan for this segment of the study will be to focus on Luke 17—19 this summer. This is the final section of Luke’s gospel that we have titled, “The Mission and Teaching of Christ.” Here is a brief overview of the gospel:

- I. The Prelude to Christ’s Ministry** (Luke 1:1—2:52)
- II. The Preparation for Christ’s Ministry** (Luke 3:1—4:13)
- III. The Starting Point for Christ’s Ministry** (Luke 4:14—6:49)
- IV. The Person and Power of Christ** (Luke 7:1—9:50)
- V. The Mission and Teaching of Christ** (Luke 9:51—19:27)
- VI. The Passion and Triumph of Christ** (Luke 19:28—24:53)

The life and ministry of Jesus provides us with a glimpse into the purposes and priority of our Lord as He walked this earth about 2,000 years ago. He is the One who should be our example for living! For Him to be our example, it is important that we study His life—His teachings, His attitude and His actions.

In the handy guide to Bible reading—*How to Read the Bible Book by Book*—the authors give some explanation to this section of Luke. They write: “In 9:51 Jesus ‘resolutely set out for Jerusalem’; he does not arrive there until 19:45. Although regularly portrayed in this long section as on the way to Jerusalem (10:38; 13:22; 17:11; 18:31), Jesus still gathers disciples around him, challenges all with his teachings, rejects a pharisaic understanding of God, and in turn is finally rejected by the religious and political authorities” (Fee & Stuart 287). It is important to always keep in mind that all these events and teachings occur as Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem, and He knows what awaits Him when He arrives—rejection, betrayal, and crucifixion!

SUMMER 2025 RECHARGE STUDIES

This issue of *Recharge* is designed to be your companion through the next section of the Gospel of Luke (17:11—19:44). This book is the seventh volume in this series of studies. If you were not able to get a copy of the previous volumes, please contact someone in the church office to see if copies are still available. 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.
- A QR code link to the YouVersion study notes for each week.
- A section for notes/prayer concerns from your small group.
- A Bible reading plan to SOAP journal through passages related to the teaching being discussed from week to week. Instructions for SOAP journaling are located at the back of the book.
- Inductive Bible studies that will serve as a follow-up to that week's sermon passage.

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

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Sermon Text: Luke 17:11-19

Speaker: Wade Allen

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

In Luke 9:51, the gospel writer tells us: “When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he (Jesus) set his face to go to Jerusalem.” In our text this week, Luke reminds us for the third time that Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem (c.f. Luke 9:51; 13:22).

What is Jesus’ purpose in going to Jerusalem? Why is this significant?

Read Luke 17:11-19. What is a leper? What are the symptoms of this disease called leprosy?

Why did the ten lepers keep their distance and speak loudly so that Jesus could hear them? Why was this necessary?

How did the Law of Moses instruct people to interact with those who had leprosy in that day and age? (c.f. Leviticus 13)

How do you think this treatment affected those infected with leprosy?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 17:11-19 again. What were these lepers asking of Jesus?

The lepers referred to Jesus as Master and were asking Him to have mercy upon them. What are we able to learn about their attitude and demeanor based on the content of their request?

How did Jesus respond to their request? At what point were these men healed?

What was unique about the one man who returned to Jesus to thank Him? What did Jesus say about this man?

Consider Luke 7:50. The same Greek word is used here in these verses, the word for “well” and for “saved.” What is Jesus referring to here in verse 19? Is He referring to physical healing, spiritual healing, or both?

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Read Luke 17:20-25. What type of “kingdom” were the Pharisees expecting the Messiah to set up when He came? How did Jesus refute this idea?

What did Jesus mean when He said the kingdom of God was in their midst? To what (or to whom) is He referring?

Read Matthew 6:33. This verse implies that the kingdom of God is embodied in the righteous Savior, Jesus Christ. How does this help us to understand Luke 17:21?

What event was Jesus predicting here in Luke 17:22 (c.f. John 16:4ff.)

To what is Jesus referring in Luke 17:25? What was the purpose for this rejection and suffering? (c.f. Isaiah 53:3-5; 1 Peter 3:18)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 17:22-37. How does Jesus describe the people who lived in “the days of Noah”? What does this description imply about them and their awareness of spiritual things?

Who else does Jesus describe here in this passage? What does this teach us about the need to be prepared for the Day of the Lord?

What did Lot’s wife do that we are to remember? (c.f. Genesis 19:1-26)
What does this reveal about her desires and feelings for Sodom and all that it represented?

Read Matthew 16:24-27. How does this passage help us understand Luke 17:33? How should we understand it?

To what day is Jesus referring in verse 31? What will determine who will be taken and who will be left on that day? What was the determining factor in the case of Noah (Genesis 6:5-9; 7:1) and the situation in Sodom (Genesis 18:22ff.)?

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 18:1-8. What is unique about this parable that gives the reader an advantage in understanding its meaning and purpose?

What is the reason, or purpose, for Jesus teaching this parable?

How did Jesus illustrate to His followers that “they ought always to pray and not lose heart” as it tells us in verse 1?

Who does the widow represent in this passage?

What did she do that Christ-followers ought to emulate?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 18:1-8 again. How does Jesus compare and contrast the unrighteous judge to God the Father?

How will God, the righteous judge, respond to the persistent prayers of the saints?

Even though this parable starts a new paragraph in a new chapter, it relates back to the previous section. How do verses 7 and 8 connect this section back to chapter 17?

What rhetorical question does Jesus ask here at the end of this parable in verse 8? How does this question correlate back to Luke 17:26-37?

Jesus' point here is very personal—He is asking us, challenging us—to persist in our faith until He returns. Will you, in faith, pray to the end and never give up?

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 18:9-14. Who did Jesus tell this parable to? How does the Bible describe them?

The primary characters in this parable include a Pharisee and a tax collector. What do we know about Pharisees in general? What about tax collectors?

How would you characterize the Pharisee based upon the prayer that he prayed in verses 11-12?

The prayer of the tax collector was obviously very different from that of the Pharisee. How would you describe the differences in the heart, or disposition, of the tax collector compared with the Pharisee?

According to Jesus, whose prayer was answered? Why?

What is the root sin issue that lies below someone's self-exaltation? (consider verses 9 and 14)

What does it mean to humble yourself? What was the tax collector communicating with his words and his body language?

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 18:15-17. Why would the disciples rebuke people for bringing their children to Jesus? How were children viewed in the culture of first-century Palestine?

How did Jesus respond to His disciples' actions in this passage?

What correlation do you see between a child's dependence upon their parents' (or guardian's) care and an individual's dependence upon God for salvation?

Jesus said that those who wish to enter the kingdom of God must receive it "like a child." What is the opposite of receiving the kingdom like a child? What is the problem with this?

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Sermon Text: Luke 18:18-30

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 18:18-21. By asking the rich man “Why do you call me good?” Jesus is motivating him to think! R. Kent Hughes imagines that Jesus was saying under His breath: “Think man! If I am good, and if only God is good, then who am I, and what am I doing? Think!”

If no one but God is good, what does this imply about Jesus?
(cf. Psalm 34:8)

Do you think this man sincere in his question for Jesus? (cf. Luke 18:23)
How was his disposition different from the lawyer in Luke 10:25?

Which of the Ten Commandments does Jesus list here? (cf. Exodus 20)
Which of the commandments did he leave out?

In Luke 10:25-28, Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments in two statements, which are known as the Great Commandments—love God

Which commands does Jesus focus on here in verse 20—the ones that focus on loving God or the ones focused on loving your neighbor?

Read Luke 18:18-30. After Jesus listed five of the ten commandments, how did the rich man respond? What did he say to Jesus?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Considering Jesus' teaching that you journaled about on page 37. Do you think that this rich man could be telling the truth about "keeping the commandments"? (cf. Matthew 5:21-48)

What is the tenth commandment (Exodus 20:17)? How does that commandment relate to what Jesus is teaching in this situation? What does this man's response reveal about the condition of his heart?

What effect does money/wealth have on a person's faith? In what does a wealthy person tend to trust? How did Jesus reveal this issue in the heart of the rich ruler?

How did the people around Jesus react to this teaching? What kind of emotions are they displaying? (cf. Luke 18:26)

How did Jesus resolve this issue of who can be saved? How does Ephesians 2:8-9 reinforce this truth?

Peter testified of the evidence of the apostles' faith in verses 28-30. How does Ephesians 2:10 confirm His teaching here in Luke 18? What is Jesus' promise to those who forsake all to follow Him?

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

This is the third time in Luke's gospel account that Jesus specifically told His disciples what will happen to Him at the hands of the Romans. Read each of these accounts: Luke 9:22; 9:44-45; and 18:31-33.

How does the account in Luke 18:31-33 compare with two accounts in Luke 9:22 and Luke 9:44-45?

What is different about what He said in this instance?

In Luke 18:34, the Bible tells us that the disciples did not understand the things that Jesus was telling them. Why were they unable to comprehend what He was saying?

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

In Luke 9:51; 13:22; and 17:11, the Bible tells us that Jesus was on His way somewhere. Where was He going?

Read Luke 18:35-38. What area was He approaching in this passage? Where was that in relation to His ultimate destination?

Who did Jesus encounter along the way?

When the blind man heard a crowd of people passing by, he inquired about what was going on. Who did the crowd say was passing by that way? Be specific!

By what name, or designation, did the blind man refer to Jesus?

For Jews of that time period, who was “Son of David” from their interpretation of Scripture? (cf. 2 Samuel 7:16)

Later in Luke 21:15, how did Jesus’ enemies react when they heard crowds of people referring to Jesus as the “Son of David”?

What can we discern about the blind man based on the name he used to cry out to Jesus when he asked for mercy?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 18:35-38 again. Who was crying out to Jesus as He was passing nearby?

What did Jesus do when He heard the man crying out to Him?

What did the blind man request of Jesus?

According to what Jesus said, why was the blind man healed?

What evidence do we see that this was not only a physical healing, but also a spiritual healing?

How did the crowd respond to this miracle? When we see the hand of God at work, how do we *usually* respond? How *should* we respond?

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Sermon Text: Luke 19:1-10

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 19:1-4. Jesus is continuing on His journey towards the city of Jerusalem. Where does the Bible say He was passing through?

Who did Jesus encounter as He passed through that town? What do we know about this man?

How did the Jewish people feel about tax collectors and why? What is significant about Zacchaeus' designation as a chief tax collector?

As Jesus was about to pass by, what was Zacchaeus seeking to do and how was he trying to do it? What was hindering him from doing this?

Based on what we know about Zacchaeus at this point, how would you characterize his interest in Jesus?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 19:1-10. When Jesus saw Zacchaeus up in the tree, what did He say to him? Do you think that Zacchaeus was surprised when Jesus called him by name?

How did he respond to Jesus' request? How would you respond if a really famous person interacted with you the way Jesus did with him?

What did the crowd say in response to Jesus' proclamation? If this is what they said about *him*, how did they view themselves in regard to sin? What are the metrics being used to measure their sinfulness?

In verse 9, Jesus proclaims that Zacchaeus had experienced salvation. What evidence supports this?

Did he have to do these things to gain salvation? If not, why was he compelled to do them? (c.f. Ephesians 2:8-9)

According to verse 10, for what purpose did Jesus come to earth and live as a man?

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 19:11-27. What does verse 11 tell us about the purpose of this parable?

Why was it important for Jesus to teach this at this time? What did being “near to Jerusalem” have to do with that? What were the crowds expecting Him to do?

It was common in that day for a nobleman to go to a distant country to gain a kingdom and then return to rule in that place (i.e., Herod the Great went to Rome to obtain rule in Israel). Jesus is the nobleman in this story. What does the period of time between His departure and His return represent in this parable?

Who do the ten servants represent in this parable? What was each servant given by the Master, and what were they told to do with it?

How much was a mina worth at that time?

Who do the citizens represent in this parable? How does this correlate to the way that many responded to Jesus during His earthly ministry?

What happened when the Master returned from His journey? What will happen when Christ returns? Will people be held accountable for their decisions in life on that day?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 19:11-27 again. What did the Master ask of each of His servants? How did they respond?

What was the return on investment for each servant's strategy?

What did the Master think of each strategy?

What made the third servant's strategy so terrible? What happened with this man's mina?

In verse 25, the crowds protested the Master's decision. What motivated them to react this way? How did the Master respond to them?

The final verse of this section can be startling on the surface, but we must remember that parables teach concepts beyond the surface level. If the Master's return is symbolic of the second coming of Christ, what event is verse 27 a picture of? (cf. Matthew 25:31-46; Hebrews 9:27)

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

We see for the first time in Luke 9:51 that Jesus has turned His face, or His focus, on Jerusalem. He is now on His final approach to the city. What had Jesus told His disciples would happen when He went to Jerusalem? (cf. Luke 18:31)

Read Luke 19:28-34. In verse 30, what did Jesus ask two of His disciples to do? Did everything happen just as Jesus predicted? What practical lesson did this teach to His disciples?

What can we learn about God's sovereignty and knowledge based on what happened in this passage?

Read Luke 19:35-36. For what purpose did Jesus have the disciples get the young donkey?

What was the significance of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey? (cf. Zechariah 9:9)

What was the significance of the people spreading their cloaks on the road as He was coming into Jerusalem? (cf. 2 Kings 9:11-13)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 19:28-40. As Jesus continued into the city riding on the back of a donkey, how were the multitudes of people reacting to all that was happening? What was significant about what they were saying? (cf. Psalm 118:19-29)

When the Pharisees heard what the people were saying, what was their reaction? Do you think they understood the implications of what they were saying—the fact they were honoring Jesus as King?

Throughout His ministry, Jesus was often asking people to not say anything to others about who He is or what He had done for them, but this mindset changes in Luke 19:40. What circumstance has changed? Why is He now encouraging the people to laud Him as King?

Read Luke 19:41-44. What caused Jesus to weep as He “drew near and saw the city”? What would ultimately happen with the people of Jerusalem—would they accept or reject Jesus as the Messiah?

The final two verses of this section take on a prophetic perspective. What is Jesus predicting will happen in Jerusalem? What will be torn “down to the ground”? When was this prophecy fulfilled?

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?

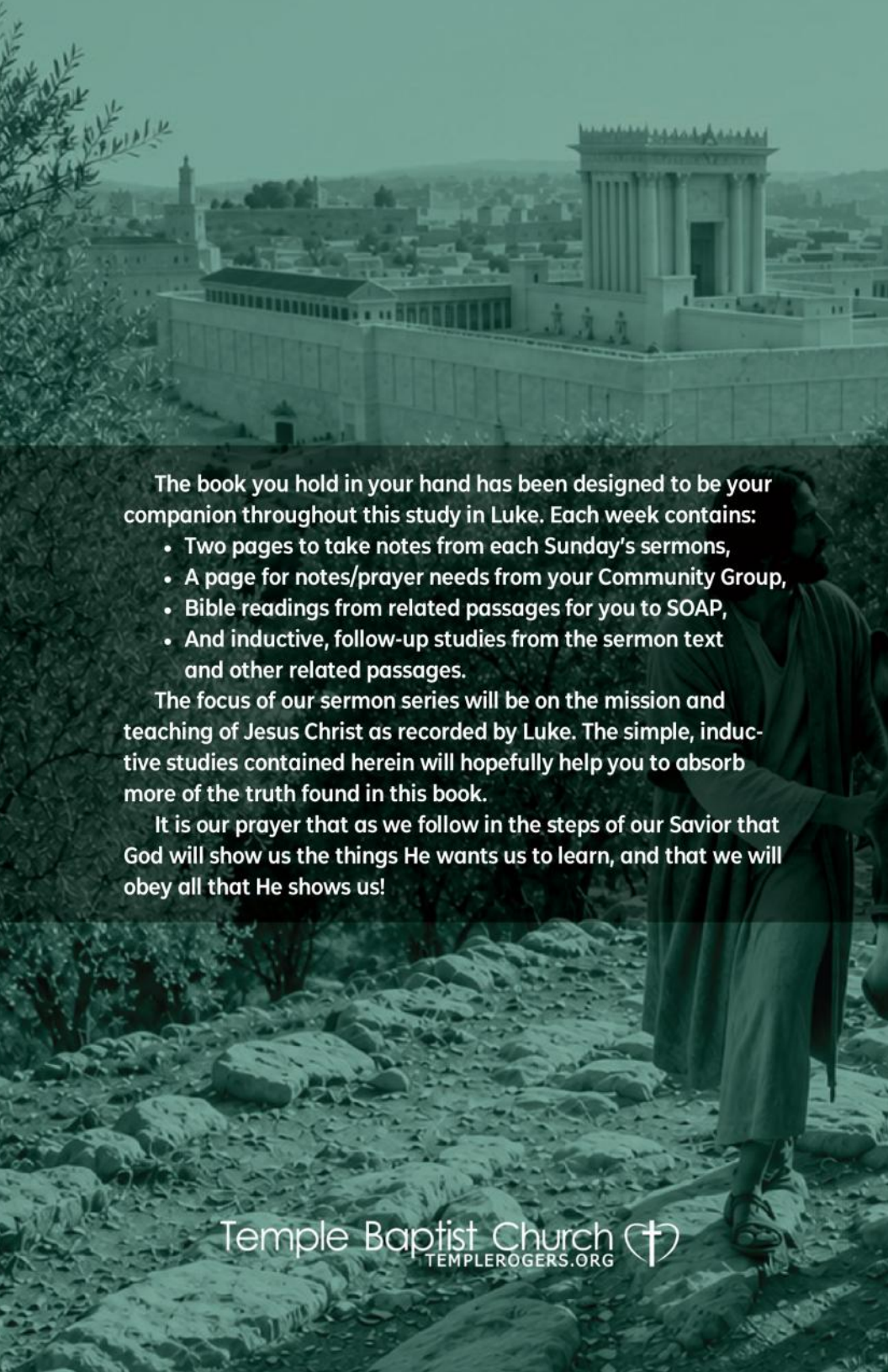
A for Application

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.

A man in a long, light-colored robe stands on a rocky, uneven path. He is looking towards the right. In the background, a large, classical-style temple with a prominent portico and columns is visible, set against a hazy cityscape and hills. The entire image has a teal color overlay.

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The focus of our sermon series will be on the mission and teaching of Jesus Christ as recorded by Luke. The simple, inductive studies contained herein 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!