

ROCKYPC SERIES COMPANION



**ARE YOU
SURE**

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*"Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, **since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.**"*

LUKE 1v1-4

Luke's Gospel is a first century biography, and the first of two volumes telling the story of how God fulfilled his plan to bring salvation to his people, Israel, and to the whole world. The second volume is called Acts and together Luke and Acts take us from the announcement of Jesus' birth to his death and resurrection in Jerusalem (LUKE), and then on to the message about Jesus being proclaimed to the ends of the earth (ACTS).

Luke was a first century doctor who joined the Apostle Paul on his missionary journeys around the north-eastern Mediterranean, between ~50-70AD. He was not a Jew, but a Gentile from Antioch. Nor was he a firsthand "eyewitness" to Jesus, but he had access to a range of sources for his careful investigation into who Jesus was and why he is so important: letters, speeches, sermons, songs, travel accounts, trial transcripts, personal anecdotes and plenty of people living around that time who he could speak to, in order to confirm or deny what he wrote.

Luke's Gospel was written around 62AD, when the Apostle Paul was imprisoned in Rome (and before 65AD when Nero began his terrible persecution of Christians.) Because of his relationship with Paul, Luke's biography was given apostolic authority and endorsement by the early church with one early church historian named Eusebius reporting that Paul quoted from Luke by saying "according to my gospel" (Ecclesiastical History 3.4.7).

Luke wrote for a patron named Theophilus who was most likely a Roman official who wanted to know if there was any reason to doubt what he'd heard about Jesus. And that's where this Gospel is so helpful for people like us, because we have lots of reasons to doubt what we've heard about Jesus.

- Can we trust the things written in the Bible?
- Aren't these just made up tales of men with an agenda?
- What can Jesus actually offer me (that I don't already have or can't get for myself)?
- Why should I trust Jesus when it seems like God doesn't care about what I'm going through?

If you aren't yet a Christian, Luke's story about Jesus is for you because it asks if you're sure you can ignore Jesus.

If you're doubtful that these things are true, Luke's story about Jesus is for you because it says you can investigate the truth for yourself.

If you're struggling with life and wondering if God cares for you, Luke's story about Jesus is for you because it'll renew your confidence in Jesus' compassion and mercy and love.

If you've grown complacent, or even a little bit self-righteous, Luke's story about Jesus is for you because it'll call you to bear fruit in keeping with repentance as you live for Jesus.

Luke's story about Jesus is for all of us, because it shows us Jesus' glory and invites us to take hold of his grace and compassionate love.

ARE YOU SURE?

As we look at Luke's Gospel, it's our prayer at **rockypc** that you will be as you meet Jesus. It's also our prayer that you'll have the opportunity to share your confidence with your friends and family.

This series should give plenty of opportunities to ask questions and investigate Jesus. While everyone might not all feel able to share the good news about Jesus, we can all relate to different people and invite them into our lives, so that they might see and hear the gospel at work. After all, the gospel is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe and everyone can pray.

So, will you keep praying that God gives 8000 people to Jesus in our city, in our generation, for a start? 8000 is a big number, but God might just start with one of your friends or family members.

Please pray for 5 friends, for the whole of 2021, for an opportunity to talk and to invite?

How would you feel if one of your friends turned to Jesus? It would be amazing! Even more amazing if all 5 did. But they need you to pray and they need you to share your life with them.

At **rockypc**, we're praying and inviting. Are you?

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER & LIFE

In 2021, we're planning on running CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER and LIFE, twice each, so that you and your friends can come and ask the questions that really matter.

Dates for the next courses are:

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER — Wednesday 4, 11, 18, 25 August & 1 September.

LIFE — Tuesday 25 May, 8, 15 & 22 June

Don't wait to start the conversation.

Here's how you can give it a go:

- Tell your friend/family member that your pastor at **rockypc** has asked you to get as many answers to this question as possible:

How would you finish this sentence "God would be good news for me if"?

- Ask what they think and let Andrew know their answer — andrew@rockypc.org.au
- When the next course approaches invite them to come along to CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER / LIFE

At **rockypc**, we want to be growing disciples, under God, who sacrifice, serve and speak for the sake of others, to grow the gospel and the church, for the glory of Jesus. We'd love you to grow with us in 2021.





TWO BABIES, ONE SALVATION

LUKE 1



IN THE SPACE BELOW YOU CAN TAKE NOTES FROM THE BIBLE TALK. (IF YOU'RE USING THIS ON A DEVICE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLICK AND START TYPING.)

Something I Never Knew:

Something I Was Reminded About:

A Question I Still Have:

Something I Was Challenged To Think Differently About / Do Differently:

Something I Can Share:

A Key Verse:

My prayer in response to God's word:



GROWTH GROUP STUDY

TWO BABIES, ONE SALVATION

LUKE 1



IN THE SPACES BELOW YOU CAN RECORD YOUR ANSWERS. (IF YOU'RE USING THIS ON A DEVICE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLICK AND START TYPING.)

GETTING STARTED

What reasons have you heard other people give for questioning the stories about Jesus found in the Bible?

Have you ever shared these same doubts? As we go through Luke's Gospel, we're going to come face to face with some unbelievable and challenging things, but we're going to see that we can have certainty about Jesus because these things really happened and Luke has recorded them for us to investigate.

READ LUKE 1v1-4

1. On what does Luke base his Gospel story?
2. Why has he written down what he found out?
3. In v1, Luke says this is an account of the things 'fulfilled among us'. Why do you think this is an important theme to start with? What might it lead us to expect as we work through Luke's Gospel together?

READ LUKE 1v5-25

4. In the Bible there are a number of special babies born to unlikely parents, and they usually appear at special times in God's salvation plan. The birth announcement of this baby named John sounds a lot like the birth of Samson in Judges 13. Samson was supposed to be a Nazirite who would be holy to God and lead God's people to repentance, but all Samson wanted was revenge. According to v13-17, what will John's role be in God's salvation plan?

READ MALACHI 3v1-5 & 4v5-6

5. What does it mean that John will "turn the hearts of the parents to their children"?

READ LUKE 1v26-38

6. How is Mary's response any different to Zechariah's?

7. What do we learn about Mary's baby?

8. Having read about two babies foretold, what do you find hardest to believe about the story? Why?

9. Bearing in mind Malachi 3&4, are the babies foretold meant to be good news or bad news for God's people?

READ LUKE 1v39-56

10. Which details stand out to you from Mary's song?

READ LUKE 1v57-80

11. In what ways is Zechariah's song different to Mary's? Specifically, what has he recognised about the time in history — what God is doing and John's role in it?

growing disciples

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

What doubts or questions do you have about Jesus and the story recorded in the Bible? What steps might you take to start investigating those questions?

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

Verses 74-75 say that God's salvation plan is to rescue his people from the hand of their enemies and to enable them to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness. How do you think knowing about God's salvation and the forgiveness of sins offered through Jesus (v77-79) helps us to keep serving God and each other?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

If you were talking with a friend about Luke 1, which parts of the story would you talk about?

Who can you speak about Jesus with this week? Ask God for His Spirit to powerfully act in you, and them, so that you speak boldly and so that they hear and respond.



IN THE LINE OF DAVID

LUKE 2



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A Question I Still Have:

Something I Was Challenged To Think Differently About / Do Differently:

Something I Can Share:

A Key Verse:

My prayer in response to God's word:



GROWTH GROUP STUDY
IN THE
LINE OF DAVID
 LUKE 2



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GETTING STARTED

What is your favourite Christmas Carol? Why? What are some of the lyrics?

The part of Luke's Gospel we're looking at in this study is a very familiar story. Before you read Luke 2, try to tell the Christmas story in as much detail as possible. Record the events in their chronological order below.

Luke doesn't record everything that happened around Jesus' birth, but he does include some significant details showing that this whole story is a fulfilment of God's promises (1v1).

READ LUKE 2v1-20

1. In the table below, write down what we learn about these people and places. Then review the Old Testament passages to see the significance of the details.

PERSON/ PLACE	WHAT DO WE LEARN?	OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCE	SIGNIFICANCE?
Joseph		2 Samuel 7v12-16	
Mary		Isaiah 7v13-14	
Bethlehem		Micah 5v2-5a	

READ ISAIAH 9v2-7

2. When the shepherds see the sign (v12) and hear the angels' song, what should they conclude? What are all these signs/details pointing to?

3. If the ruler promised in the Old Testament has arrived, what should it mean for those under his rule?

4. Even though we revisit this story every Christmas, why do you think we don't see peace, justice and righteousness everywhere?

We could give a number of answers to the above question — sin, rebellion, selfishness, different morals or definitions of what is just and right. Ultimately, if Jesus is the king in the line of David, the reason we don't see peace, justice and righteousness is because of a failure to recognise him as king, despite all the signs.

As the story goes on in Luke, some people do recognise Jesus, even before he's grown up!

READ LUKE 2v21-40

5. Compare Simeon's words with **Isaiah 42v1-9**. What is he expecting will happen for God's people now that Jesus is here?

6. Will everyone have the same response to Jesus? What do verses 34-35 mean?

7. What is "the redemption of Jerusalem" that was being looked forward to? cf. **Isaiah 40v1-2 & 52v7-10**

READ LUKE 2v41-52

8. Given what we've seen so far in Luke and from the Old Testament, why does it make sense that Jesus "had to be in my Father's house" (NB: this phrase might also be translated "had to be about my Father's business")?

growing disciples

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ACTION

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

Have you recognised that Jesus is the Promised King? If not, what things do you still need to investigate or understand better? If you have, what practical steps can you / do you take each day to remember he's in control and upholding the world with justice and righteousness?

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

Consider Simeon and Anna's responses to Jesus along with **Isaiah 52v7-10**. Their joy overflows so that they can't help proclaiming Jesus to those around them. One of the most important ways to serve each other is to keep pointing to Jesus. Is your joy overflowing so that you point others to Jesus?

Brainstorm with your group some ways you can grow your joy in Jesus and some ways you can make Jesus a greater part of your conversations.

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

If you were talking with a friend about Luke 2, which parts of the story would you talk about?

Who can you speak about Jesus with this week? Ask God for His Spirit to powerfully act in you, and them, so that you speak boldly and so that they hear and respond.



WHAT KIND OF FRUIT?

LUKE 3v1-20



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A Key Verse:

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GROWTH GROUP STUDY
**WHAT
KIND OF FRUIT?**
LUKE 3v1-20



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GETTING STARTED

When someone tells you that you've done or said the wrong thing, what is your first reaction? What range of emotions do you go through after your initial one? Why do you think being wrong has such an impact on most of us?

As we move forward in Luke's Gospel, we see John begin his ministry. As the angel said (1v16-17) and Malachi prophesied (Malachi 4v1-6), John starts calling people to repentance.

READ LUKE 3v1-6

1. Have you ever heard of the people listed in v1-2? Why does Luke record these details? (cf. 1v1-4)
2. Even though John is known as "the baptising one", Luke focuses more on his message than his actions. What is John's message? Why is it something the people needed to hear?

READ ISAIAH 40v1-11

3. Isaiah looked forward to a time of comfort, restoration and redemption. That time would be heralded by someone crying out in the wilderness. What would their message entail — what did God's people need to realise and what did they need to do?

READ LUKE 3v7-14

4. As you read these verses, what kinds of people do you imagine coming to John to see what all the commotion is about?
5. The crowds are like ants swarming before a storm arrives, but John has a warning for the casual observer. How would you put that warning into your own words (v7-9)?

6. In verses 11-14, John gives a picture of what fruit in keeping with repentance looks like. All three examples are of a similar theme. How are they related? Why do you think fruit in keeping with repentance starts here?

7. Take a moment to reflect on your own attitude when it comes to honesty, generosity, contentment and trusting God. If you've recognised Jesus is the king, how well do you think your current attitude and behaviour demonstrates fruit in keeping with repentance? As a group, talk about why we all share the same struggles in these areas.

READ LUKE 3v15-20

8. Given all that we've seen in Luke's Gospel so far, how do we know John was definitely not the Messiah? Think about the prophecies and promises of God.

9. How does John think he compares with the coming Messiah?

10. Overall, would you say John's message is good news? Why/Why not?

growing disciples

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| <p>SACRIFICE
ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION</p> | John's call was to repentance before Jesus arrived. Jesus' first call was also for his people to repent. Do you need to repent? |
| <p>DENY YOURSELF</p> | How do you demonstrate your repentance to God? |
| <p>SEEK GOD
CONFESS/REPENT</p> | How do you demonstrate your repentance before others? |

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

Look again at the change repentance makes in people's behaviour in v11-14. How can you be generous to serve others?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

If you were talking with a friend about Luke 3v1-20, which parts of the story would you talk about?

Who can you speak about Jesus with this week?

Ask God for His Spirit to powerfully act in you, and them, so that you speak boldly and so that they hear and respond.

Also ask God to change your heart so that repentance might bring an inward change rather than just outward behaviour modification.



IF YOU ARE GOD'S SON...

LUKE 3v21-4v13



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GROWTH GROUP STUDY

IF YOU ARE GOD'S SON...

LUKE 3v21-4v13



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GETTING STARTED

Think about your family tree. How many generations back can you fill in the details for? Do you know of any interesting or infamous stories from your ancestors?

One of the biggest claims in the Bible is that Jesus has a special family line, one that has some important names in it, but none more special than his Father — not Joseph, but God himself. Jesus claimed to be God's Son, other people recognised him as God's Son, but how do we know it's true? Why is it so significant? What does it mean for us? This study will help us think through those questions.

READ LUKE 3v21-22

1. When the voice proclaims "You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased," what does this tell us about:
 - a. Jesus' relationship with God — cf. Luke 2v40, 49, 52
 - b. Jesus' place in God's plans — cf. Psalm 2

READ LUKE 3v23-38

2. There are lots of names in all these verses and it's really easy to gloss over them because a lot are difficult to pronounce. However, some are really important. Fill in the table below to remind yourself why these names are significant.

VERSE	PERSON	OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCE	SIGNIFICANCE?
31	David	2 Samuel 7v12-16	
33	Judah	Genesis 49v8-12	
34	Abraham	Genesis 12v1-3	
38	Adam	Genesis 3v1-15	

The story of the Bible is looking for a son who will crush Satan, rule forever and bless the whole world. Up until the point in history when Luke was writing, no one had proven to be that son. All God's people (the nation of Israel) turned away, but as the story goes on, we see Jesus succeed where everyone else has failed before him.

READ LUKE 4v1-13

3. Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness recall Israel's 40 years in the wilderness (recorded in Exodus-Deuteronomy). God had rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt and declared they were his 'Son' (Exodus 4v22-23; cf Hosea 11v1). Then he led them in the wilderness where they faced the tests of hunger and thirst — would they depend on God and trust him? **You can read an example of how they responded in Exodus 16-17.** See also Psalm 95v7b-11, Hebrews 3v7-11 & Deuteronomy 8v2-5.
What marked Israel's response to their "testing"?

4. How is Jesus' response in 4v4 different? cf. Deuteronomy 8v2-5

5. Consider the devil's offer in v5-7 — With what you've already seen in Psalm 2v7-8, what is he asking Jesus to do?

6. Jesus' response comes straight out of Deuteronomy 6v13-19. Why shouldn't anyone worship other gods?

7. In 4v9-11 the devil tries to use God's own word in Psalm 91 to entrap Jesus. If God's word is true, why doesn't Jesus demonstrate his trust/belief in it?

By resisting the devil, Jesus shows that he's truly the Son of God by his dependence, humility and trust in God's faithfulness. For this reason, it's important to realise that Luke hasn't recorded these events for us to simply draw a line straight to ourselves to say we need to be just like Jesus who resisted temptation by quoting God's word. Jesus did what no one else could do, because he's the Son of God who came to trample on Satan's head. But that should give us great confidence when we are being tempted to doubt God's word and pursue sin, because we know Jesus is victorious — ultimately shown at the cross when he disarms Satan for good (e.g. Colossians 2v13-15).

growing disciples

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

When you are facing testing and temptation, how do you think remembering Jesus' triumph over Satan will help you to persevere?

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

When you see other people struggling through difficult times, why do you think it is important to keep encouraging them to hang on to Jesus?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

If you were talking with a friend about Luke 3-4, which parts of the story would you talk about?

Who can you speak about Jesus with this week? Ask God for His Spirit to powerfully act in you, and them, so that you speak boldly and so that they hear and respond.



PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

LUKE 4v14-44



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GROWTH GROUP STUDY

PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

LUKE 4v14-44



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GETTING STARTED

Consider the people you come into contact with from day to day — Which people do you think need God to intervene in their life the most? Why?

In this study, we see the start of Jesus' ministry after he has triumphed over the devil in the wilderness. He tells us what his ministry is all about and who it's for.

READ LUKE 4v14-21

1. In 4v18-19, Jesus is reading from Isaiah 61, where the Spirit-filled servant of God promises to continue the comfort and restoration work that Isaiah started talking about in chapter 40. **Read Isaiah 61v1-9.** Who/what kinds of people will benefit from the servant's coming? What will they enjoy?
2. On what basis can Jesus say "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing"?

READ 4v22-30

3. Why do you think Jesus' father makes some people confused? Do you think you'd have the same reaction?
4. Why does Jesus provoke the crowd when he has their rapt attention?
5. Jesus refers to two stories from the Old Testament — 1 Kings 17 (Elijah) and 2 Kings 5 (Elisha) — in both cases God's people were under his judgment but God chose to bless someone from outside Israel. Why do you think Jesus references these stories to the people in Nazareth?
6. Why do you think the congregation get angry enough to try to kill Jesus?

7. How do these verses help us to know what to expect when people hear the good news about Jesus?

8. What confidence can we draw from them?

Jesus came proclaiming good news that everyone needs to hear. While it's possible to reject the message, it's impossible for his mission to be stopped.

READ LUKE 4v31-41

9. How do these healings and exorcisms contribute to our understanding of Jesus' overall mission? (Remember 4v18-19 & Isaiah 61)

READ LUKE 4v42-44

10. If you were to summarise Jesus' priority in coming, what would it be?

11. Is the good news the same for every person? Does it have the same result/benefit/outworking?

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ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

Have you realised that Jesus is good news for you? If you're feeling trapped, held captive, in the dark, oppressed, he's the one you can turn to for freedom and release.

DENY YOURSELF

Discuss with the group how Jesus is good news for you in your current circumstances.

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

If you'd like to talk about this more, register for the next CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER course — details are over the page.

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

Sometimes people who've been part of church for a while can start asking "What about me?" when new people start joining church and hearing the good news about Jesus.

Have you ever thought that or acted in a way that resents Jesus being good news for others?

How can we help each other to delight in the good news more, with a bigger picture of the Lord's favour on everyone?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

How many times does the word 'proclaim' get used in this passage and how many times do people wonder about Jesus' words?

What is proclaimed? To whom?

Who do you know that needs some good news?

Pray for an opportunity to speak with them about Jesus and to invite them to CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER which starts on Friday 5 March.

IF YOU'RE USING A DEVICE, CLICK THE IMAGE TO REGISTER FOR OUR UPCOMING COURSE.



CALLING ALL SINNERS

LUKE 5v1-39



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A Key Verse:

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GROWTH GROUP STUDY

CALLING ALL SINNERS

LUKE 5v1-39



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GETTING STARTED

Do you enjoy fishing? What do you find fun and/or frustrating about it?

READ LUKE 5v1-11

1. Why do you think Simon reacts the way he does to the miraculous catch of fish? How is his reaction like Isaiah (Isaiah 6v1-5) and Job (Job 42v1-6)?

Simon is like Isaiah and Job because he realises he's in the presence of the Holy King of heaven but he's not holy himself. He's a sinner! Simon is also like Isaiah because he's about to be sent out with a message for God's people. Isaiah was sent in judgment (Isaiah 6v6-10), but Simon's going to go fishing with good news!

READ LUKE 5v12-26

2. From the healing of the leper and the paralysed man, write down everything you learn about: cleanness, forgiveness and Jesus.
3. Why does Jesus forgive the paralysed man's sin when his friends have clearly brought him for something else?
4. How does the healing miracle prove Jesus' authority to forgive sin?

READ LUKE 5v27-32

5. Jesus is still collecting his disciples, but some people have a problem with the company he's keeping. Why?
6. How does Jesus' answer fit in with what we saw in 4v18-21 & 43?

READ LUKE 5v33-39

7. Jesus uses a number of illustrations to explain what's about to happen as his good news is heard by the religious people of his day. How will this news be received? Why will it happen this way?

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ATTITUDE BEFORE ACTION

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

Have you realised that Jesus is the king and that you are in need of cleansing/forgiveness?

For lots of people this is a hard thing to accept, but Isaiah shows that forgiveness is needed for something as straight forward as having unclean lips (Isaiah 6v5), that is, for using words that aren't what they should be. Job also shows forgiveness is needed for speaking about God in a way that shows he hasn't understood what God is doing in the world (Job 42v1-6).

Do you need forgiveness for the way you've been speaking to other people or for the way you've been speaking about God?

What other areas of your life do you need to ask forgiveness for?

The most appropriate response in this case is repentance, and the good news is that Jesus is willing to wash you clean (see also 1 John 1v8-2v2).

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT JESUS

There are lots of needs in our world, but Jesus shows us that everyone's greatest need is forgiveness. He spent time with "sinners" so they might realise who he is and be forgiven, but religious people had a problem with his behaviour.

Spend some time reflecting on your own religious attitudes that exclude "sinners".

How might these attitudes show themselves?

How might we guard against them as we seek to welcome everyone to **rockypc** so that they might come to Jesus for forgiveness?

How might we demonstrate our repentance for excluding others?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

Spend some time asking God for forgiveness, knowing that Jesus is willing to wash you clean.

Remember Jesus came to call sinners to hear the good news. Like Simon, we share in the task of calling all sinners to come to the cross of Jesus. Who can you speak to about Jesus this week?

Pray for an opportunity to speak with them about Jesus and to invite them to CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER.

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WHO DECIDES?

LUKE 6v1-11



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WHO DECIDES?

LUKE 6v1-11



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GETTING STARTED

What is your favourite thing to do on a day off work?

Jesus has a number of conflicts with Pharisees and Teachers of the Law in Luke 5. He says they're failing to understand the time they live in (v34-35). The conflict intensifies further in Chapter 6 with two Sabbath incidents.

READ LUKE 6v1-5

1. What is the Pharisees' problem? (See the law in Exodus 20v8-11 for the background)

2. Jesus answers them with a story about special bread. Read the law about this bread in Leviticus 24v5-9. Who could eat this holy bread?

3. Jesus reminds the Pharisees of the time that David ate this bread. Saul was the first king of Israel, but God had rejected him and anointed David for the task. David was on the run from a jealous, angry Saul. David was not even truthful to the priest about his reason for being at the tabernacle, but God doesn't condemn him for it. **Read what happens in 1 Samuel 21v1-6.**
Why do you think Jesus retells David's story? What does it show about Jesus?

4. We have seen Jesus repeatedly referred to as the 'Son of God' in Luke's story. But here, Jesus now says he is the 'Son of Man'. These 2 titles have less to do with respectively claiming divinity and humanity than you might think. God gave Daniel a vision, hundreds of years earlier, of kingdom after kingdom that opposes God and his people. But then he sees someone else. **Read about it in Daniel 7v13-14.**
What is Jesus saying about himself by claiming the title 'Son of Man'?

READ LUKE 6v6-11

5. The scene shifts to another Sabbath. What are the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law hoping to do?

6. How does Jesus show their thinking is twisted?

7. How do they react?

8. Is Jesus a renegade who breaks the law when it suits him? Why/why not?

9. What is Jesus using his authority as the Son of Man to do?

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

When do you try to decide what's good or evil for yourself? What can help you submit to Jesus as the Son of Man?

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

Jesus is not making a point here about whether or how Gentiles like us should keep the Sabbath. Do you need to investigate this question further? How could you do that?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

If you were talking with a friend about Luke 6v1-11, which parts of the story would you talk about?

Who can you speak about Jesus with this week?

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

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TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

LUKE 6v12-49



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My prayer in response to God's word:



GROWTH GROUP STUDY

TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

LUKE 6v12-49



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GETTING STARTED

#blessed —When do people you know consider that they are “lucky” or “blessed”?

READ LUKE 6v12-26

1. Compare those who Jesus says are blessed with those facing woe. What things do you notice?

WHO IS BLESSED?	WHY?	WHO IS FACING WOE?	WHY?

2. What is the overall picture you get from these verses?

3. Jesus’ statement is vastly different to how most people imagine blessing. Why do you think he says things as starkly as this? [Can you back up your answer from anything we’ve already seen in Luke’s Gospel?]

READ LUKE 6v27-36

4. Jesus presents a different picture of blessing in the opening statements. Now he says he expects a different kind of behaviour from his disciples. What is the basis for the change of heart expected?

5. Look at the list of directions in v27-31. Which do you find hardest? Why?

6. How is Jesus' expectation of behaviour different to our natural tendencies?

READ LUKE 6v37-49

7. It is easy to use Jesus' words as a measure for how well other people are treating you. This becomes a demand to be treated better. But Jesus warns his disciples to be careful. Before condemning others for their failures, you need to consider yourself.

Where does good and evil behaviour start?

8. How does someone go about getting a new heart?

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

Do you think Jesus' words are worth listening to and putting into practice?

Which parts of this chapter do you find hardest to hear?

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

Jesus says in v35 to love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. How does your attitude towards serving others need to change as you listen to Jesus?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

Jesus also talks about returning blessing on those who curse you and praying for those who've mistreated you. As you talk to God, what do you need to confess/ask for?

Who do you need to pray for? What will you pray for them?



EXPECTING SOMEONE ELSE?

LUKE 7v1-35



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A Key Verse:

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EXPECTING SOMEONE ELSE?

LUKE 7v1-35



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GETTING STARTED

What kind of miraculous signs or events would the average person find it difficult to walk past or ignore? Is there anything that would stop you in your tracks?

In Luke 7, through a couple of miracles, Jesus shows that he can't be ignored, but also that he isn't the kind of Messiah that God's people were expecting.

READ LUKE 7v1-17

1. From these two miracles, what things do we learn about Jesus?

2. We've seen lots of people amazed by Jesus, but what is Jesus amazed at?

These two miracles make for good reading on their own as two young men are saved from death by Jesus. It is important not to read them in isolation though. Remember Luke 4v24-27 — Jesus made reference to Elijah and Elisha who had very similar encounters with a foreigner soldier and a widow whose son had died. This reference was both a judgment on the people listening to Jesus in the synagogue and a sign about the kind of king Jesus is. He is the Messiah whose blessing will extend beyond Israel. He is more than just a prophet! He is more than Israel were expecting!

READ LUKE 7v18-23

3. Since chapter 3, John the Baptist has been in prison. When he hears what is going on, he's confused. Why do you think he's wondering if there's someone coming after Jesus?

4. What does Jesus want John to realise from v22-23? cf Isaiah 29v18-19, 35v5-6, 61v1-2

It can be confusing to put all the pieces about Jesus together, so, Jesus moves from helping John see what's going on, to helping the crowds figure it out too.

READ LUKE 7v24-35

5. Why did the people flock to see John?

6. Why is v27 significant?

7. Why is Jesus condemning his generation? What is their problem?

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

Often people think they need a certain amount of faith to be saved and Jesus seems to commend the centurion for his great faith. Do you need as much faith as the centurion to follow Jesus?

What would need to happen to grow your faith in Jesus?

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

How can you and your group help each other to put the pieces about Jesus together more clearly?

— Are you sure about who Jesus is?

— Are you convinced about his character, especially his compassion for sinners?

— What else are you unsure/unconvinced about?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

If you were talking with a friend about Luke 7, which parts of the story would you talk about?

Who can you speak about Jesus with this week?

Pray and ask God to grow your delight and amazement at Jesus and to grow your faith in him. Ask God for His Spirit to powerfully act in you, and them, so that you speak boldly and so that they hear and respond.



FEELING FORGIVEN

LUKE 7v36-50



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My prayer in response to God's word:



GROWTH GROUP STUDY

FEELING FORGIVEN

LUKE 7v36-50



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GETTING STARTED

Are you an outwardly emotional person? When was the last time you cried in public? When was the last time you really laughed out loud?

For a lot of people, the most comfortable way to engage with Jesus is at an intellectual level, considering all the facts and whether what the Bible says makes rational sense. This is an important consideration. However, in Luke 7, we see that what Jesus offers also has to affect our hearts.

READ LUKE 7v36-50

1. What things are different at this dinner party when compared with the last one Jesus attended (cf. Luke 5v29-32)?
2. How do you feel about the woman's actions in v37-38? If this happened at a dinner party you attended would you be uncomfortable? Concerned? Think it was strange? Not be worried? Or something else?
3. Simon the Pharisee isn't concerned by the woman's presence or her actions, but more by the fact that Jesus allows it all to happen. What do you think he expects Jesus to do?
4. Why shouldn't we be surprised that Jesus is ok with her actions? cf. 5v29-32
5. In Jesus' story, what do the two debtors have in common?

6. Why is Simon's judgment (v43) correct? Do you agree?

7. What is Jesus' point in v44-47? Put it into your own words.

8. Do you think it's possible to be forgiven by Jesus without an emotional response of some kind? Why/Why not?

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

Do you agree that we all have a debt before God that we are unable to repay, no matter how little or great that debt is?

DENY YOURSELF

We've already heard in Luke's Gospel that Jesus is willing and able to forgive sin. How do you think receiving his forgiveness should make you feel?

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

What kind of emotional response have you had to Jesus?

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

Even if you don't wear your emotions on your sleeve, love for Jesus should overflow in love for others. This means you don't have to be overcome with tears to show great love. How can you show (or are you already showing) your thankfulness to Jesus in your dealings with others?

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

If you were talking with a friend about Luke 7, which parts of the story would you talk about?

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

How do you think talking about your own emotional response to Jesus might help make forgiveness "real" to others?

Who can you speak about Jesus with this week? Ask God for His Spirit to powerfully act in you, and them, so that you speak boldly and so that they hear and respond.



LISTENING WELL MATTERS

LUKE 8v1-21



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LISTENING WELL MATTERS

LUKE 8v1-21



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GETTING STARTED

How is your hearing? Can you share a funny or embarrassing story where you misheard someone? Or a song lyric that you heard wrongly for a long time?

READ LUKE 8v1-3

1. What stands out to you from the list of people who are with Jesus as he travels around proclaiming the good news of the kingdom?

READ LUKE 8v4-15

2. What 'word' is Jesus talking about here? See also Luke 8v17-49

3. Why does Jesus tell this parable? v9-10

READ ISAIAH 6

4. What will be the results when Isaiah proclaims God's word to Israel?

5. What does Jesus lead us to expect will happen when he speaks?

6. How do you feel about God deliberately deafening and judging as he speaks through Jesus (and Isaiah)?

7. In the boxes below, draw what happens with each type of soil. Write underneath, how this person is responding to God's word.

READ LUKE 8v16-18

8. Traditionally, we read v16 to be talking the need for Christians to openly share their faith. But this doesn't make sense of the surrounding verses. In context, what is being exposed?

9. How does v18 show the relationship between our responsibility to listen to God's word and how he himself acts through his word? (See v8b also)

READ LUKE 8v19-21

10. Who have we already seen in this passage being mother and brothers to Jesus?

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

Consider carefully how you listen:

What kind of soil describes your current attitude to God's word? What kind of soil would you like to be one year from now?

Is God's Word vital for your salvation and growth? How can you show that every day?

What's the next step for you to be a growing disciple?

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

What is one teaching of Jesus that you've realised you need to be putting into practice? What difference do you think it will make to your life when you do?

How can you do that this week?

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

Should we be surprised when our friends and family reject the message of Jesus?

Pray now for God to open your not-yet Christian friends' and family's ears to his word.



FEAR & FAITH

LUKE 8v22-39



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GROWTH GROUP STUDY
**FEAR &
FAITH**
LUKE 8v22-39



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GETTING STARTED

Have you ever been in danger on a boat? Share your boating stories.

READ LUKE 8v22-25

1. What danger do Jesus and his disciples (some of whom were experienced fishermen) find themselves in?
2. Why do you think the disciples go from fearing the storm to fearing Jesus?
3. What response was Jesus looking for?

READ LUKE 8v26-33

4. Where do we see uncleanness in this part of Luke's story?
5. Even though the disciples don't know, who do the demons recognise Jesus to be?
6. How do they respond to him?
7. How does Jesus demonstrate his power and authority over uncleanness and evil?

We often struggle to picture what demon possession looks like. Some people have tried to equate it with mental illness. Biblical authors, however, seem to make a distinction between physical and spiritual ailments (see Matthew 4v24). So it is wrong, unhelpful and unkind to say that all mental illness is demon possession. We also shouldn't dismiss the spiritual element of what is happening here. Jesus has a conversation with a demonic army. However, his power, control and authority over them is complete. Furthermore, his victory over all evil is complete and undeniable in his death and resurrection (see Colossians 2v13-15).

READ LUKE 8v34-38

8. How has Jesus transformed this man's life?

9. How do the locals respond to Jesus' transforming power?

10. How is the man's response different?

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

How would you answer the disciples' question, 'Who is this?', in your own words?

How does Jesus' victory over evil at the cross give you confidence in him?

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

Tell a bit about your faith story. Have you experienced Jesus' transforming power in your life?

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

Is there someone on your 5 4 Jesus card who needs to hear about the peace that Jesus can bring in the midst of our chaos and distress? Pray together that God would give you an opportunity to speak with them and that he would work in their life to bring faith and transformation.

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD



WHEN YOU'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT

LUKE 8v40-56



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GROWTH GROUP STUDY

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LUKE 8v40-56



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GETTING STARTED

Thinking about your non-believing family and friends, do they think Jesus is good for them/the world? Why do you think they hold that opinion?

READ LUKE 8v40-42a

1. How is Jesus' reception back in Israel different from the send off he had in the Gentile area of the Gerasenes (8v32-39)?
2. What does Jairus ask Jesus? Describe the way he makes his request.

READ LUKE 8v42b-48

3. What do you imagine it was like for this woman to be haemorrhaging for so long, particularly in an Israelite society? (See also Leviticus 15v19-33)
4. Why does this woman end up at Jesus' feet?
5. How does Jesus treat her?
6. Should we be expecting him to talk to her in this way? (See also 1v46-55; 7v36-50; 8v19-21)

READ LUKE 8v49-56

7. The story of Jairus' daughter is interrupted by the woman in the crowd. How do you think Jairus would be feeling by v49?
8. Why are these stories are told together this way? What themes are repeated?
9. Why do you think Jesus keeps this miracle a secret from the laughing crowd outside? (See also 6v20-26; 8v18)
10. What do these stories show about Jesus?

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SACRIFICE

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

Does fear or shame of your uncleanness ever prevent you from coming to Jesus for healing and forgiveness?

DENY YOURSELF

Why can we have confidence to fall at Jesus' feet in faith?

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

How does your life demonstrate your faith in Jesus?

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

We spoke about our family and friends at the beginning of the study. Discuss how you can share the ways that Jesus is both powerful and compassionate with them, and pray together.

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD



WHO IS THIS?

LUKE 9v1-36



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WHO IS THIS?

LUKE 9v1-36



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GETTING STARTED

If you surveyed your friends and asked 'Who is Jesus?', what do you think the top answers would be?

READ LUKE 9v1-6

1. How are the twelve apostles continuing Jesus' own mission?
2. What responses can they expect?

READ LUKE 9v7-20

3. Different people are puzzling over exactly who Jesus is. What options do Herod and the crowds come up with?
4. What conclusion has Peter reached? What does this mean?
5. The question of Jesus' identity bookends a famous miracle. What does the feeding of the 5000 show about who Jesus is? (See also 2 Kings 4v42-44)

READ LUKE 9v21-27

6. We feel like cheering as Peter finally seems to understand who Jesus is. But immediately, Jesus says there's more to know. Despite being God's Messiah and the glorious Son of Man, what will happen to Jesus?

7. What does it mean to be Jesus' disciple?

READ LUKE 9v28-36

This episode is a hyperlink to a number of Old Testament events and characters.

8. What happens to Moses up a mountain?

Exodus 19v1-9 Exodus 34v29-35 Deuteronomy 18v14-22	
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9. What happens to Elijah up a mountain?

1 Kings 19v13	
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10. What are the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man like?

Daniel 7v9-14 Daniel 10v4-11	
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11. Try to put all of these pictures together. What do we learn about Jesus when he is up the mountain?

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SACRIFICE

Who is Jesus to you?

ATTITUDE BEFORE
ACTION

Are you abundantly satisfied in him?

DENY YOURSELF

SEEK GOD

CONFESS/REPENT

SERVE

How do you deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow Jesus?

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

How has this saved your life?

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
GOD

How can you talk to your friends about Jesus being more than a strict rule maker/good teacher/one prophet among many options etc?



PURSUING GREATNESS

LUKE 9v37-62



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GROWTH GROUP STUDY
**PURSuing
GREATNESS**
LUKE 9v37-62



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GETTING STARTED

"Don't you know who I am!?" Have you ever met anyone famous without realizing who they were?

Who is the most famous/popular/influential person you've met?

After the transfiguration, Jesus comes down the mountain and it's clear that his disciples and the people watching still are not able to put the pieces together. As we read the end of chapter 9, we need Jesus' words from 9v21-26 in our minds —

"Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

READ LUKE 9v37-43a

1. Why do you think the disciples couldn't heal the boy in this story?

2. What do you make of Jesus' response in v41? Does it fit with what we've seen from him previously?

READ LUKE 9v43b-50

3. The people are amazed at the greatness of God and marveling at Jesus' actions. Why do you think they are afraid to ask him about what will happen to him?

4. Already in 8v18 and pv35 the disciples have been told to listen carefully to Jesus. How do they demonstrate that they haven't really heard what Jesus has been saying?

5. According to Jesus, what does greatness look like in his kingdom?

6. Who is the “least” in Jesus’ kingdom? Who is the greatest?

READ PHILIPPIANS 2v5-11

7. How did Jesus become the greatest?

Squabbling for greatness, the disciples haven’t heard what’s going on with Jesus. However, he won’t be distracted from his task.

READ LUKE 9v51-62

8. What words would you use to describe Jesus’ attitude? Compare that with his disciples.

9. From his interactions with the people on the road, what will the life of a disciple look like? What is Jesus calling us to, and to do?

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SACRIFICE	Consider your own life and your hopes and dreams for the future. Are you pursuing greatness in Jesus’ kingdom or another kind of greatness?
ATTITUDE BEFORE ACTION	
DENY YOURSELF	What encouragement/confidence to pursue Jesus do you gain from this passage?
SEEK GOD	What kind of impact do you imagine it would have on your work/family/community if you took Jesus’ words in 9v57-62 to heart?
CONFESS/REPENT	

SERVE

HUMILITY BEFORE
HONOUR

SERVE GOD

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE & EXALT
JESUS

Consider again how Jesus has served us. Are you someone who serves others like him?

What change might you make to welcome “the least” into Jesus’ family? — Make a commitment and ask your group to remind you of it.

SPEAK

TO GOD ABOUT
PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE ABOUT
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When you see people getting distracted and wandering away or giving up on Jesus, it’s easy and tempting to say nothing. It’s often difficult to know what to say. — What is something from this passage that you think would be a helpful reminder for you to keep pursuing Jesus and greatness in his kingdom?

Pray that God would help you and your group to pursue Jesus, the great one who became the least so that we can enjoy his glorious kingdom.