



Life Group Leader's Guide Series Overview

AS YOU PREPARE YOUR GROUP FOR THE SERIES

- Be sure to read through this Overview and the Week 1 Leader's Guide so you can plan for, and communicate with, your group.
- Familiarize yourself with the resources that are available for this series:
 - Make sure group members have Study Guides with the Daily Reading questions.
 - Preview RightNow Media videos to determine if you will use any with for your own study or with your group.
- Contact your group members to get them excited about joining together for your first session.
- Determine if you will meet in-person, online or hybrid.
- Make sure to let our Groups Team know that your group is doing the study, when and where/how you are meeting, and if your group is open to adding members to your group for the study.

SCHEDULING FOR THIS SERIES

This study is designed to be a great way to start out the year and carry your group up to Easter. Here is the schedule for the sermons and personal reading plan for the 13 week series. The study guides attached to sermon outlines each week will follow this same schedule and are designed to do the Daily Readings and Life Group discussion AFTER the sermon. However, the number of weeks and the schedule for the series is flexible for you to customize for maximum participation of your group members. Many groups will not get started right away these first weeks in January. You can just pick up the study for the week your group starts or combine weeks to catch up over time.

	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 1	Luke 1-3
Day 1		Luke 1:1-38
Day 2		Luke 1:39-80
Day 3		Luke 2:1-20
Day 4		Luke 2:21-51
Day 5		Luke 3:1-38
1/16/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 2	Luke 4-5
Day 1		Luke 4:1-13
Day 2		Luke 4:14-30
Day 3		Luke 4:31-44
Day 4		Luke 5:1-26
Day 5		Luke 5:27-39
1/23/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 3	Luke 6-7
Day 1		Luke 6:1-26
Day 2		Luke 6:27-49
Day 3		Luke 7:1-17
Day 4		Luke 7:18-35
Day 5		Luke 7:36-50
1/30/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 4	Luke 8-9
Day 1		Luke 8:1-25
Day 2		Luke 8:26-56
Day 3		Luke 9:1-27
Day 4		Luke 9:28-45
Day 5		Luke 9:46-62
2/6/2022	Message outside of Luke Study	
	Catch up on reading this week :)	
2/13/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 5	Luke 10-11
Day 1		Luke 10:1-24
Day 2		Luke 10:25-42
Day 3		Luke 11:1-13
Day 4		Luke 11:14-32
Day 5		Luke 11:33-54
2/20/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 6	Luke 12-13

Day 1		Luke 12:1-12
Day 2		Luke 12:13-34
Day 3		Luke 12:35-59
Day 4		Luke 13:1-17
Day 5		Luke 13:18-35
2/27/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - week 7	Luke 14-15
Day 1		Luke 14:1-14
Day 2		Luke 14:15-24
Day 3		Luke 14:25-35
Day 4		Luke 15:1-10
Day 5		Luke 15:11-32
3/6/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 8	Luke 16-17
Day 1		Luke 16:1-15
Day 2		Luke 16:16-31
Day 3		Luke 17:1-10
Day 4		Luke 17:11-19
Day 5		Luke 17:20-37
3/13/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 9	Luke 18
Day 1		Luke 18:1-8
Day 2		Luke 18:9-14
Day 3		Luke 18:15-17
Day 4		Luke 18:18-30
Day 5		Luke 18:31-43
3/20/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 10	Luke 19
Day 1		Luke 19:1-10
Day 2		Luke 19:11-27
Day 3		Luke 19:28-38
Day 4		Luke 19:39-44
Day 5		Luke 19:45-48
3/27/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 11	Luke 20
Day 1		Luke 20:1-8
Day 2		Luke 20:9-19
Day 3		Luke 20:20-26
Day 4		Luke 27:27-40

Day 5		Luke 27:41-47
4/3/2022	Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - Week 12	Luke 21
Day 1		Luke 21:1-4
Day 2		Luke 21:5-9
Day 3		Luke 21:10-28
Day 4		Luke 21:29-36
Day 5		Luke 21:37-38
4/10/2022	PALM SUN.- Seeing Jesus: Through the Eyes of Luke - 13	Luke 22
Day 1		Luke 22:1-62
Day 2		Luke 22:63-71
Day 3		Luke 23:1-55
Day 4		Luke 24:1-35
Day 5		Luke 24
4/15/2022	GOOD FRIDAY	Luke 23
4/17/2022	EASTER	

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS STUDY

1. YOUR BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word. In Hebrews 4:12 we read.... *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword.* This is the only real essential for this study. The whole purpose of the study is to get everyone reading and applying the Bible to their lives on a daily basis. This is a great series to emphasize everyone in the group having a Bible that they use for their personal reading and study and bring to the group. As you begin this study it may be an opportunity to help some group members select and purchase a Bible that they will use for many years to come. If you don't have a study Bible yet, consider getting one to use for this series.

2. SERMONS & SERMON STUDY GUIDES

Each week there will be a sermon covering one section from Luke. These sermons will help everyone grow in their understanding and application of the letter. The group discussion questions will be based on the reading but will be enhanced by any questions and insights you bring from the sermons into the group time. You and your group members can access the sermons at PurposeChurch.com/sermons. Each week a two page study guide will be provided to guide people in their personal Bible reading and also to be used for your group's discussion.

A pdf of the study guide will be available for you to print copies or you can pick up copies from the Connect Center on Sundays or church office during the week.

3. LEADER'S DISCUSSION GUIDES

Each week we will provide a Leader's Discussion Guide that will help you plan your discussion integrating sharing from Daily Reading, reflection and application from the Study Guides, along with additional discussion questions and leader notes. Whether you are a new group forming for this series or a group that has been together for many years we will provide recommendations and reminders of best practices that will help you be intentional about growing stronger as a group through this series. In addition to the discussion questions, this guide will provide practical suggestions to use with your group throughout the series.

4. RIGHTNOW VIDEOS AVAILABLE FOR THIS SERIES

If your group responds well to brief video teaching to enhance discussion, or you would just like to use them for your own preparation there are a number of RightNow videos studies you could consider using for this series. There are no videos that align with our weekly studies. They range from single session to 20 session video series. As always, Purpose Church provides a library of group study videos for Life Groups at no cost to you or your group through RightNow Media. We have not based this series on any video series and it is not necessary to add video to your group's experience. Here are a couple of examples:

[Resources for Luke Study](#)

How to Read Luke Part 1 & 2 TIM MACKIE

These two brief videos, created by The Bible Project, are a great resource for facilitators and groups to get a deeper background and understanding of Luke

That You May Be Certain: The Gospel of Luke

MICHAEL CARD, 4 SESSIONS, AVG SESSION – 26 MINS

If you have not yet activated your free account go to purposechurch.com/rightnowmedia to get started. Let us know if you need any help with any aspect of RightNow Media.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

SUGGESTED BIBLE COMMENTARIES

These are not necessary for this series. And your role as a facilitator is not to teach the group. But if you are interested in resources to help you gain background information and understanding as you study there are many great options . Here are few suggestions to consider:

Purchase a Study Bible

There are many great Study Bibles available today that provide introductions to each of the books of the Bible and helpful background information and commentary on each page of the Bible. The NIV Life Application Study

Bible is a great option with the same translation that Pastor Glenn uses for his sermons. We have some available at the Purpose Store on Sundays for a reduced price (\$30)

Online Resources

<http://biblegateway.com>

<https://www.studylight.org>

Commentaries

<https://www.bestcommentaries.com>

IVP Bible Backgrounds Commentary OT/NT

NIV Application Commentary Series. They are overall solid and include nice sections that bridge the gap to our William Barclay's series is a modern classic, but they do have some problems of being a bit old/dated

New Testament/Old Testament For Everyone

The Bible Speaks Today

Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching

Holman Bible Commentary

Note: Matthew-Henry's is not recommended. It has some good stuff, but it was written over 300 years ago and we've learned a ton about the Bible since then including important things like the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS LIFE GROUP SERIES?

FULFILLING OUR MISSION

Our goals for Life Groups through this series come from our mission statement: Help people find their purpose by

connecting with God

connecting with others

and connecting others with God

People are busy. Our goal is not to form groups and get people in groups to make their lives busier. Instead our goals are directly related to these three aspects of our mission statement.

This Life Group series is designed to help each person take that next step in connecting with God, connecting with others and connecting others with God.

LASTING LIFE IMPACT

We have tried to be very intentional about designing this series for maximum life impact. The percentages may vary slightly but most experts agree that on average we remember about:

10% of what we read

20% of what we hear

30% of what we see

50% of what we write in response to what we read, hear, or see

70% of what we share and discuss with others

80% of what we experience

90% or what we teach others

Think about how we most often study the Bible. Most of the time we read or we hear teaching or preaching from the Bible. But with these approaches, the teacher or preacher may remember a high percentage, but we forget a very high percentage of what we have heard or read and so it has little lasting impact on our lives.

James 1:22-24 says, *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets...*

We want to do more than just listen to the word preached or read the Bible and forget. Our prayer for you through this series is that the life impact will be great as you:

- Hear sermons AND write notes (Study Guides)
- Read the Bible with notes to help you deepen your understanding AND respond in writing using the SOAP method to apply it to your life. (Daily Bible Reading)
- Share and discuss what you have heard, read, and written (Life Group Leader's Guide)
- Teach each other as you share and discuss
- And encourage, support, and challenge each other as you live out what you are reading, hearing and discussing.
- Experience serving together to live out your faith

GROWTH FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND LIFE GROUPS

One of our values is *Growing People Change*. We believe that spiritual maturity is not something we arrive at but rather throughout the whole life of every Christ follower there is always a next step in Following Jesus. This study is not designed to be basic for beginners or advanced for the spiritually mature. Rather it is designed to work for groups with people across the spectrum and to be encouraging yet challenging for all to take the next step of growth in their relationship with Jesus.

ADAPTING THE SERIES TO FIT YOUR GROUP

This study is designed to be flexible so that no matter what type or style of group you have you can adapt it to work well for your Group. Here are some ideas for adapting the series to fit your group. Identify which best describes your group:

- 1) **A brand new Life Group** formed for this series
- 2) A group continuing as a Life Group **with no new members added for this series.**
- 3) A group continuing as a Life Group **adding new members or two groups combining into one for this series.**
- 4) Some combination of these three.

BEFORE YOUR FIRST MEETING:

1. **For A brand new Life Group** formed for this series

The best way to fill your group is to personally recruit/invite people to the group. Be sure to contact everyone who signed up for, or was assigned to your group. Contact them as far in advance as possible and make sure they have all the details about when, where/how you are having your first meeting. Confirm they will be able to attend. Also, ask if there is anyone else they would like to invite to join the group.

2. A group continuing as a Life Group **with no new members added for this series.**

Be sure to contact everyone well in advance and confirm details about when, where/how you are having your first meeting. Confirm they will be able to attend and remind everyone to watch the sermon (online or in person), get their study guides. Clarify if you are going to start the first week of readings after your meeting or do them before your first meeting and discuss.

3. A group continuing as a Life Group **adding new members or two groups combining into one for this series.**

Be sure to contact everyone well in advance and confirm with all returning members confirm details about when, where/how you are having your first meeting. Confirm they will be able to attend and remind everyone to watch the sermon (online or in person), get their study guides. Clarify if you are going to start the first week of readings after your meeting or do them before your first meeting and discuss. If you are combining with another group, make sure you meet with the facilitator or a key person from the other group in advance to talk over how to best bring the two groups together and what roles each of you will have in leading the group.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE CONTACT
OUR GROUPS TEAM AT groups@purposechurch.com or 909-839-6744**