



WEEK 2 LEADER'S GUIDE

LUKE 4-5

AS YOU LEAD YOUR GROUP THIS WEEK...

- Contact your group - each individually if possible. The contact you have between meetings is just as important as your time together in your meeting. You can't over communicate
- Read through the Series Overview Guide to see what you will need to incorporate into Week 2.
- Determine if group members will have Study Guide/Daily Reading and be encouraged to do that before your meeting or if you will do it together this first week.
- Plan extra time for connecting if you are just regathering or adding new members.
- Make or Renew Your Group Covenant
- Get out your calendars and go over the schedule for the series
- Talk about others you might want to invite or encourage to join with you for the rest of the study.

OPEN UP

This time will be very important throughout your first weeks together. Make sure you create an environment where everyone feels comfortable talking at this safe level. If you have new people this week you will want to spend extra time before the OPEN UP question.

- What is the best thing that happened to you in this past week?

FROM THIS WEEK'S SERMON

- -What stood out to you from this week's sermon??

BIBLE DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

These questions are the same questions that appear in the **Study Guide** that is attached to the sermon notes on Sunday morning. Do not feel like you need to use all the questions. It is better to use the ones that best fit your group and move people to application and authentic sharing.

Day 1: Read Luke 4:1-13

- In each temptation, what was its appeal? Its price? How does Jesus resist them? How does Satan's use of scripture differ from the way Jesus uses it?
- Why do you think these temptations were directed at Jesus directly after he was affirmed by God at his baptism?
- If the devil had three shots at you, what three temptations would he use? What can help you resist? What encouragement does this story provide?

Day 2: Read Luke 4:14-30

- What are the five points of Jesus' mission according to verses 18-19?
- What does Jesus say that turns the people's amazement (v. 22) into anger (v. 28)?
- Who are the "Gentiles" God desires you to care for? How might you do so?

Day 3: Read Luke 4:31-44

- What strikes you most about the behavior of the evil spirit?
- Why does Jesus find it necessary to retreat at this time (vv. 42-44)? What pressure is he facing? What are his priorities?
- Jesus is obviously busy, yet he takes time to be alone. How are you making space in your life for alone time to listen to God amidst all the shouting of the urgent needs of those around you?

Day 4: Read Luke 5:1-26

- How does the miracle depicted in vv. 4-7 affect Peter? What is he beginning to grasp about Jesus? About sin? About belief in himself?
- When was the first time, if ever, that you responded to Jesus like Peter did in verse 8?
- When have you felt shunned, like a leper? How did Jesus “touch” you then?
- The paralyzed man came for healing, so why does Jesus raise the issue of forgiveness (v 20)? What new realm of Jesus’ authority is demonstrated here?

Day 5: Read Luke 5:27-39

- Tax collectors lined their pockets with money they collected. How might the disciples feel about Jesus’ choice?
- What is the new cloth? Old garment? New wine? Old wine-skins?
- In this story, what do you have to do to qualify as a disciple?

APPLICATION

Both Simon Peter and Levi leave everything they have behind them in order to follow Jesus. What did you find most difficult to leave when you became a follower of Jesus? In what ways do you still struggle to fully leave your old life behind? How can you commit anew to abandoning things that hinder you in your walk with Jesus?

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, his own knowledge of scripture allowed him to avoid being tricked by Satan’s sneaky and incorrect usage of scripture. How easy is it for you to memorize scripture? What has been a help to you in memorizing scripture. Talk about a verse from the first 5 chapters of Luke that you could all memorize together. If you don’t have a system to memorize scripture, we suggest using something like *The Bible Memory app* to help or writing the scripture out, or saying it aloud, until you know it by heart.

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