

Overview of Luke

Small Group Discussion Questions January 19, 2025

Scripture: Luke 1:1-14

NOTE TO LEADERS: For links to series resources, see next page.

Goals of This Series:

- Clarity on the book of Luke
- Confidence in my own Bible
- Courage to live out biblical truth

Key Points:

- God has a <u>plan</u>.
- God makes <u>promises</u> about that plan.
- God fulfills those promises through people.
- God does not always work the way we <u>expect</u>.
- God looks for <u>faith</u>.

Group Opener:

If any in your small group participated in fasting, ask them how it went and what they learned. If they haven't yet, but plan to do so, ask them what they hope to gain *or lose* by fasting.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Rick Randall talked about the Lone Ranger. Who is your favorite fictional hero and why?
- 2. Read Luke 1:3-4. "It seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught."

Luke was a physician with a scientific mindset. What is significant about Luke building his gospel account by researching the testimony of eyewitnesses, and what confidence can that give us today?

- 3. As the Gospel of Luke shows, God doesn't always work the way we expect him to. Sometimes he uses our setbacks as *setups* to fulfill his promises. In what ways have you been surprised to see God working in your life, especially through your problems?
- 4. Zechariah doubted when the angel told him that he and his wife would have a child. Think of a time you when have doubted, or are currently doubting, what God has said. What does this account tell you about God fulfilling his promises, and how can we respond?
- 5. In what areas or challenges in your life could God be calling you to trust in him through faith?

Series Resources:

- 1. How to Observe Biblical Text (video with Eric Creekmore): hcbc.com/luke
- 2. Luke Five-Week Journal: hcbc.com/weekend