

Gospel of Luke | Chapter 1-4, 19

Small Group Questions

January 18, 2026

Luke 1:1-4

1. Why do you think Luke felt it was important to carefully investigate and write an orderly account of Jesus' life?

What does this tell us about how God values truth, history, and thoughtful faith?

2. Luke addresses his writing to "Theophilus."

Who might Theophilus represent today, and how does this passage encourage us to help others grow in certainty about their faith?

3. What stands out to you about Luke's emphasis on eyewitnesses and careful research?

How does this shape the way you trust and read the Gospel accounts?

4. Verse 4 says Luke's purpose is that Theophilus may know the "exact truth" of what he has been taught.

Where do you personally need greater confidence or assurance in your faith right now?

5. How does Luke 1:1-4 challenge the idea that faith is blind or uninformed?

In what ways can studying Scripture deepen both our understanding and our devotion to Christ?

January 25, 2026

Luke 1:5-25

1. Who are the characters of this story and what role do they play in it?
2. What key words and phrases jump out to you from your reading?
3. Who was Gabriel and why did he appear before Zechariah?
4. Why does Luke specify that Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes?
5. What significance does the prophet Elijah have to this passage?
6. Why did Zechariah's unbelief lead to the angel Gabriel muting his speech?
7. Zechariah and Elizabeth waited a very long time to have their first child. What can we learn from them about waiting on God to be given the desires of our hearts?
8. What can we learn from John's calling of being set apart from this world to be Jesus's forerunner?

February 1, 2026

Luke 1:26-38

1. What does this passage reveal about God's initiative in our lives?

How does God's choice of Mary challenge our assumptions about who God uses and how He works?

2. Mary is perplexed and afraid by the angel's message (:29-30).

How do you usually respond when God's plans feel confusing, disruptive, or overwhelming?

3. Gabriel explains that "nothing will be impossible with God" (:37).

What situations in your life now or in the past can you view through this truth?

4. Mary asks an honest question in verse 34 but does not doubt God's word.

What can we learn about the difference between questioning for understanding and questioning in unbelief?

5. Mary responds, "The Lord's bond-servant; may it be to me according to your word" (:38). What might a similar posture of surrender look like in your life this week?

6. How does this passage deepen your understanding of who Jesus is—both fully human and fully divine? Why is this truth essential to the gospel?

February 8, 2026

Luke 1:39-56

1. Who are the characters of this story and what role do they play in it?
2. What key words and phrases jump out to you from your reading?
3. How would you describe Elizabeth and Mary's relationship? What role does God play in their relationship?
4. Elizabeth knew before Jesus was even born that He would be her God. What causes someone to have such extraordinary belief in God?
5. Mary's famous prayer of praise is filled with testimony, vulnerability, and gratitude. What can we learn from Mary on cultivating a heart of praise in our prayer life?
6. In verses 51-53, Mary claims to see God's providential hand in creation that makes her faith in God stronger. What do you notice around you in everyday life that gives you assurance that God is with you?
7. In verses 54-55. Mary holds onto God's promises that are being fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. What promises from God do you hold onto that give you hope and encouragement?

February 15, 2026

Luke 1:57-80

1. What stands out to you most in this passage? Why do you think it grabs your attention?

2. What do you think the biggest lesson Zechariah and Elizabeth learned about God and themselves through the time he wasn't able to speak? Why was it significant that God waited until John's naming to restore Zechariah's speech? (vv. 62-64)

3. What can you learn about what Zechariah had been yearning for? Have you ever had to wait a long time to see God's work in your life? Are there ways you are waiting for God to work in your life right now? How can we wait without losing hope as Zechariah had done? ((vv. 68-75)

4. Why was there a need for John to prepare the way for the coming Savior? Are there ways in which you are being called to prepare the way for Jesus for people in your life right now? (vv. 76-77)

5. How has the light of Jesus Christ broken through the darkness in your life in the past? Are there areas in which God's light still needs to break through in your life? (vv. 78-79)

March 1, 2026

Luke 2:1-20

1. What stands out to you about the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth (the census, Bethlehem, the manger)? What do these details reveal about God's way of working in the world?
2. God uses ordinary people—Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds—to witness and respond to the birth of Christ. How does this shape our understanding of who the good news is for?
3. The angels announce “good news of great joy which will be for all the people” (:10). What makes this news truly good and joyful, both then and now?
4. The shepherds respond with urgency, worship, and witness (:15–18). Which of these responses do you find most challenging or most similar in your own walk with Christ?
5. Mary “treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart” (:19). What does this teach us about reflecting on God’s work, especially during busy or overwhelming seasons?
6. The shepherds return glorifying and praising God (:20). How can praise and testimony become a more regular part of your daily life?
7. How does this passage call us to respond to Jesus today—not just at Christmas, but throughout the year? What is one concrete step of faith or obedience this text invites you to take?

March 8, 2026

Luke 2:21-52

1. What do we learn about Mary and Joseph from their obedience to the Law (:21–24, 39)? How does their faithfulness in ordinary practices shape our understanding of discipleship?

2. Simeon and Anna waited faithfully for God's promises to be fulfilled (:25–38). What stands out to you about their hope, patience, and worship? Where might God be calling you to trust Him while you wait?

3. Simeon prophesies both joy and suffering connected to Jesus (:34–35). How does this prepare us for the reality of following Christ in a broken world?

4. Luke emphasizes Jesus' growth in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and people (:40, 52). What does this tell us about Jesus' humanity? How might this shape our view of spiritual growth?

5. When Jesus stays behind in the temple, He says, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (:49). What does this statement reveal about Jesus' identity and mission?

6. Mary and Joseph do not fully understand Jesus' words, yet they continue to treasure and trust God (:50–51). How do you respond when God's purposes are not immediately clear?

7. Looking at this entire passage, how does Luke show Jesus as both obedient Son and divine Savior? What response does this call for in your life today?

March 15, 2026

Luke 3:1-38

1. Luke begins by grounding this chapter in real historical people and events (:1-2).
Why do you think Luke emphasizes this setting, and how does it shape our confidence in the gospel?

2. John the Baptist calls people to repentance and a “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (:3). How would you define repentance based on this passage—not just as a one-time act, but as a way of life?

3. John challenges the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers with specific, practical fruit of repentance (:10-14). Which of Jesus’ challenges resonate with you?

4. John makes clear that he is not the Messiah and points to the One who is greater (:15-17). How does John model humility and faithful witness for us today?

5. At Jesus’ baptism, the Father affirms Him and the Spirit descends (:21-22).
What does this moment reveal about Jesus’ identity and the work of the Trinity? How could the Father’s words also encourage you?

6. Luke traces Jesus’ genealogy all the way back to Adam, the son of God (:23-38).
Why is it significant that Jesus is connected to all humanity, not just Israel?

7. How does Luke 3 call us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord today?
What is one area where God may be inviting you to repent, realign, or bear fruit this week?

March 22, 2026

Luke 4:1-13

1. What specific words does Satan use to begin the first and third temptations? Why might this repetition be significant?
2. What does the progression in these three temptations reveal about what Satan is trying to accomplish through them?
3. The second temptation offers Jesus "all the kingdoms of the world." What's ironic about this offer given who Jesus is and what his mission will accomplish? What does it also reveal about Satan's character and how he operates?
4. In the third temptation, Satan quotes Scripture too. What does this reveal about how Scripture can be misused? What's the difference between Satan's use and Jesus' use?
5. Jesus succeeded where Israel failed in the wilderness. What does this tell us about why we need Jesus rather than just his example? How should this drive us toward dependence on Jesus?
6. Satan attacked Jesus' identity as God's Son. How does Jesus' victory here secure our identity as God's children? Where should we anchor our confidence when our own identity is questioned or attacked? What are some ways that Satan attacks our identity as God's children?
7. The passage ends with "the devil left him until an opportune time." What does this tell us about the reality of temptations in our own lives? How does Jesus' ultimate victory over sin and death (not just these three temptations) give us hope in our own failures?

March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)

Luke 19:28-44; Zechariah 9:9

1. Read Luke 19:28-44. Ask God to give you understanding as you prepare your heart and mind for Easter Sunday.

2. Who are the characters of this story and what role do they play in it?

3. What key words and phrases jump out to you from your reading?

4. Jesus Christ demonstrates here that he is the king of peace. Why did Jesus task his disciples to bring him a donkey?

5. Jerusalem literally means "Foundation of peace." Why is Jerusalem significant to Jesus (read Zechariah 9:9)?

6. In verses 41-44, Jesus demonstrates a sincere love for the people of the city of Jerusalem. His heart breaks over the brokenness of this city. As you prepare for Easter, take a moment to pause and reflect over the brokenness of our community (Greater Seattle area). Because of resurrection Sunday, Jesus can heal our land. Pray and ask God to heal our land from evil and brokenness. Consider names and faces of those you know who are suffering, and submit them to God in prayer.