



SEE HIS SALVATION

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Introduction to Luke

Luke's authorship of two lengthy writings makes him the most prolific of New Testament authors, even more so than Paul. Although neither the gospel which bears his name nor the book of Acts names Luke, both tradition and internal suggest that both works were authored by Paul's friend, the medical doctor Luke, so named in Colossians 4:14. Both works were commissioned by the same man, Theophilus, literally "loved by God", who was likely to be a wealthy, high-ranking Gentile, recently converted to Christianity.

Luke almost certainly wrote for Gentiles like Theophilus which explains why the genealogy of Jesus in chapter 3, traces his ancestry back to Adam rather than only to Abraham as in Matthew 1. Accordingly, Luke is concerned with themes such as the universal offer of salvation as shown by his frequent use of the title "Son of Man". Likewise, Luke has a focus on the reviving work of the long promised Holy Spirit, who extends God's kingdom far and wide to those not valued by society; such as Gentiles, women, children and sinners. In three memorable parables, Jesus is presented as the one who seeks and saves the lost. Luke's gospel may be divided into 4 broad blocks:

- Jesus' miraculous birth and preparation for ministry
- Jesus' Galilean Ministry and paradoxical kingdom
- Jesus' Jewish rejection and inclusion of outsiders
- Jesus: the innocent one slain and raised.

Our study this term will conclude at the end of the second block but within those pages, the Jesus we meet is the deeply compassionate saviour, who cares for the poor and oppressed; who comes to seek and save the lost; the incarnate Son of God and Son of Man. Luke has been called "The most beautiful book in the world." The reason has everything to do with its subject- Jesus!

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What is the goal of these notes?

The goal is to grow your ability to read the bible. Bible reading is essential to Christian growth and survival but it's a skill that only develops with practice. Indeed because of the spiritual apathy that's part of our fallen nature the desire to read only grows with practice! The bible is an extraordinary book. It has changed people, nations and the flow of history. That's unsurprising since it's God's book and contains God's wisdom for life. Yet, bible reading in some ways is no different to reading any other book. These notes will assist you in developing skills which will increasingly enable you to feed yourself from the bible and help others do the same.

Three ways to use these notes

1. Personal reading

Use this guide to help you read your Bible every day. Scribble down your thoughts and questions each day, and remember to pray asking God to speak to you by His Spirit, through His word.

2. Growth Groups

Use the section at the end of each week to prepare for your Growth Group. Take this guide with you to your Growth Group each week so you can write down prayer points that come from the study that week and prayer requests from the members of your group. Let your group know who you are on mission to.

3. Church

Keep this guide with your Bible and bring it with you to church. Scribble down sermon notes in the space provided.

3-1-1 Prayer

We all care for friends and family who don't know Jesus and this should be reflected in our prayers. List below the names of 3 such people you can be praying for once a week for one minute.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

PRAYER POINTS & NOTES

WEEK 1: LUKE 1:1-38

Week 1: Day 1

READ LUKE 1:1-4

When we start a book that we're eager to get into, we might be inclined to skip the preface but Luke's preface matters. It tells you that this is a carefully researched work by a diligent historian. Luke was not always regarded as such but time and archaeology have vindicated him as first rate. Writing in highly educated Greek, his written scroll, would have extended to thirty feet in length. Clarity and accuracy are crucial to knowing Jesus!

1. The best evidence suggests that Luke was a medical doctor (Colossians 4:14) What expressions in this paragraph suggest his meticulous nature? What else can you determine about him?

2. Luke addresses both his works to "Theophilus" (Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1). This Gentile name means "God lover" or "loved by God". What can you infer about him?

3. Like other NT authors, Luke regarded "assurance" or "certainty" as particularly important. What blessings result from "certainty" concerning Jesus.

PRAY: Our Heavenly Father wants certainty for His children and He brings this blessing as the Spirit applies His word to our hearts. Ask God to deepen your certainty as you read Luke this term.

A SURE AND CERTAIN SAVIOUR

Day 2

READ LUKE 1:1-13

The implication of his prologue is that Luke was familiar with other accounts of Jesus' life and ministry, both written and oral. It is generally accepted that Mark was the basis for Matthew and Luke but that both added their own sources. Luke's "orderly account" most likely implies an orderly sequence of events which is suggested by what follows.

1. What can you find out about Zechariah and Elizabeth from what you find here?

2. The theme of "barrenness" is common in the scriptures. Can you think of other examples? What does it say about God that He so often chooses to work through those who are disadvantaged and regarded with disgrace?

Zechariah's division was on duty (v 8) With thousands of priests in Israel, this was a once in a lifetime occasion. Some never received this honour. The incense symbolized the people's prayers and their most common prayer was for God to save. Now after hundreds of years He was!

3. Zechariah and Elizabeth were old and may well have long stopped praying for a child. What can you learn about prayer from these events?

PRAY: Persistence in prayer is a great sign of faith. Jesus confirms this at the conclusion of His' parable in Luke 18:8. It honours God. It takes Him seriously. Ask that He'd help you to grow in this to His glory.

WEEK 1: LUKE 1:1-38

Day 3

READ LUKE 1:5-25

The obvious supernatural elements of the gospels often bring suspicion for the skeptical but we shouldn't think that angels in the bible were a common occurrence. Instead, we should conclude that something extraordinary was taking place!

1. Consider the angel's message to Zechariah. How would you summarise God's answer to Zechariah's prayer?

Revival is what happens when God of His own volition, perhaps in answer to the prayers of His people, pours out His Spirit to bring spiritual renewal to His church. There had been no prophetic word in Israel for almost 500 years and now God was promising the greatest ever work of the Spirit. How we long for that!

2. Consider Zechariah's character along with his response to the angel's news. What is the contradiction? How might you explain this?

3. Since we are broken people, our practice doesn't always conform with our profession. Can you think of ways in which this may be true of you?

PRAY: It is possible to think that it's a small thing to doubt God's word but Zechariah's experience tells us otherwise. Is there something particular for you to repent of here? Ask God for His help and pray that he'll send revival in our day.

A SURE AND CERTAIN SAVIOUR

Day 4

READ LUKE 1:26-38

For some the virgin birth and the incarnation are obstacles to faith. But with the greatest respect, this is illogical nonsense. The God for whom nothing is too hard (Jer 32:27) is more than capable of far more. Yet they are astonishing miracles as is Mary's response! At this stage of her life she was likely to be only about 14 or 15 years of age.

1. Gabriel again. (1:19 & 26) The name means "The Lord is my strength". He appears also in Daniel 8:16 and 9:21ff). Consider Gabriel's greeting to Mary in v 28. What should we conclude about God from this?

Mary's reaction to the angel's is similar to Zechariah's. Angels are not cute little cherubs. They are powerful and glorious and terrifying.

2. At face value, Mary's question in v 34 may seem similar to Zechariah's (v 18) but they are different. How and what can we learn from this about relating to God?

3. The miracle of the incarnation is similar to the miracle of the inspiration of scripture. In both instances the result is both human and yet fully and infallibly divine. How does God explain this in v 35?

PRAY: "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me? (Jer 32:27) The answer is "no". Ask God for the trust to treat Him as He really is.

WEEK 1: LUKE 1:1-38

Day 5

READ LUKE 1:1-38

Introductions are almost always important and that's the case with Luke's in v's 1-4. As a careful historian, what follows is an outcome of what he'd already told us he'd do.

1. In v 1 Luke speaks of the things "fulfilled among us". The choice of the word "fulfilled" is deliberate and significant for a Gentile. As you consider what follows, what had been "fulfilled"? Use the cross references in your bible to help.

2. In v 2 Luke speaks of "eye-witnesses". Given what follows in his account, what additional eye-witnesses do you think he may have interviewed?

3. What are the greatest lessons about God, Jesus and genuine faith that you learn from this week?

"The best theology will not remove mystery from your life, so rest is found in trusting the One who rules all and knows no mystery."

Paul Tripp

PRAY: It is hard to appreciate the enormity of what God has done in sending His Son Jesus. It's a blessing of towering significance. God come among us as a man; to share our hardships; to know our lot; to seek and to save the lost. Ask God to fill you with deep wonder at all that this entails.

A SURE AND CERTAIN SAVIOUR

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. The best evidence indicates that Luke was a medical doctor (Colossians 4:14) What expressions in this paragraph suggest his meticulous nature? What else can you determine about him? (Day 1 Q 1)
2. At face value, Mary's question in v 34 may seem similar to Zechariah's (v 18) but they are different. How and what can we learn from this about relating to God? (Day 4 Q 2)
3. What are the greatest lessons about God, His Son and about genuine faith that you learned from this passage? (Day 5 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 2: LUKE 1:39-80

Week 2: Day 1

READ LUKE 1:39-80

The angel Gabriel announced the births of two boys. One, a prophet of God (v. 76), the other, the Son of God (v's. 32, 35). One will announce salvation (vv. 17,76), the other will bring it about. (v's 46-55, 68-75)

1. What common features do the two songs of praise share?
2. What things in these verses would help Theophilus be certain about the things he'd been taught (1:3)?
3. One of the striking features of Luke's gospel is the importance he places on women. What can you learn through the godly examples of Elizabeth and Mary?

PRAY: God has a tender concern for those whom the world disregards. Pray that you as an individual and we as a church would be shaped by Him in this.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SAVIOUR

Day 2

READ LUKE 1:39-45

1. Many surprising things happen in these few short verses. List them briefly.
2. Why is it extraordinary that someone like Elizabeth would be showing such honour and respect to someone like Mary? (See Luke 1:11-17)
3. Unlike Zechariah, Mary believed the promises of God (v 45) without knowing all the facts. What encourages you to believe and act on God's promises despite the obstacles some find?

PRAY: We have seen God fulfill his promises to ancient Israel, to Mary and to us in sending His Son. Thank God for keeping his promises and pray that we might live by them.

WEEK 2: LUKE 1:39-80

Day 3

READ LUKE 1:46-56

1. In Mary's song of praise, what does she say about her God; who he is and what he's done?

Mary's praise rests on the foundation of God's sure and unfailing promises to Abraham (v 55; see Gen 12:1-3) and to David (v 32-33; see 2 Sam. 7:12-16)

2. What difference does the trustworthiness of God make to Mary and to all his people?

3. Does your heart respond like Mary's to the character and work of God?

"In this wonderful song Mary is both praising God and preaching a gospel message! Of course, that is what all great songs of praise do."
Mike Raiter

PRAY: Take time to praise the Lord for who he is and what he has done for us in Christ.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SAVIOUR

Day 4

READ LUKE 1:57-66

1. What responses to the unfolding events are recorded for us here?

- a. The neighbours (v's 58 & 65)
- b. The witnesses (v 63)
- c. All who heard (v 66)

2. The child receives a name given by God gave him. What does this indicate?

3. 'What then is this child going to be?' This question, asked of John the Baptist in v 66, is asked implicitly of Jesus in the infancy narratives. How has the answer impacted your life?

PRAY: As different responses to God's unfolding plan are recorded for us here pray that many will respond with repentance and faith. Pray for family, friends and neighbours that they will respond positively to God's word to us in Jesus.

WEEK 2: LUKE 1:39-80

Day 5

READ LUKE 1:67-80

1. The important theological word 'redeemed' appears in v 68. How does this theme of "redemption" unfold in Zechariah's song?

2. What summary job description would you write for John the Baptist from these verses?

3. What Christian encouragement informed by v's 78 & 79 bring joy to your current week despite its struggles?

In the Christmas Story, there is hope for the weak, for those who've failed, for the wicked, the rebellious, the foolish and the lost."
Paul Tripp

PRAY: Reflect on all that God's redemption means for you and for the world, then pray accordingly.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SAVIOUR

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

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2. What summary job description would you write for John the Baptist from these verses? (Day 5 Q 2)
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PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 3: LUKE 2:1-52

Luke wanted certainty for Theophilus. (1:3,4) Therefore, as he documents Jesus' birth, he takes pains to ground it in history. But his goal is to tell us about Jesus; the humble circumstances of His birth and its meaning; the godliness of His parents; the witnesses to the event and something of His mission to all humanity. As we read this week, pray that God will fill you with both certainty and wonder at what He has done for us.

Week 3: Day 1

READ LUKE 2:1-21

1. Given what she'd been told by Gabriel, how would Mary's faith have been tested and encouraged by what she saw, experienced and heard?

In His ministry Jesus will often point to the divine imperative that "everything must be fulfilled that is written about me..." (Luke 24:44) One example was that Jesus, whose parents lived in Galilee, must be born in Bethlehem in fulfillment of Micah 5:2. God who rules history, brought this about through the census of Quirinius.

2. Verses 1-7 demonstrate a contrast between worldly greatness and heavenly greatness. How does Luke show this?

3. After all Gabriel's exalted words to Mary about the greatness of her son (1:32,33), Jesus is born in a food trough. If you were her, how would you feel?

PRAY: The Son of God was born and would die in abject humiliation. Praise God for His willingness to stoop so low for us and for our salvation.

THE SAVIOUR'S EARLY YEARS

Day 2

READ LUKE 2:8-20

Shepherds were among the lowest of the low in Jewish society. Working far from the city temple, they were almost always ritually unclean and despised by polite, upper class society. It is as if God is making it abundantly clear that His saviour is for all without exception.

1. What are the shepherds told about Jesus and the results of His mission?
2. What is commendable about their response to what they see and hear?
3. Praise is joyful gratitude for something we've experienced. What might be needed to cause the average Christian today to be filled with praise like the shepherds?

"we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation."

C.S. Lewis

PRAY: Ask God to fill your heart with an appreciation of the greatness of God's gift in Jesus, so our words will overflow in praise of Him.

WEEK 3: LUKE 2:1-52

Day 3

READ LUKE 2:21-40

In Israel at this time, no prophetic word had been heard for 400 years, since Malachi. “The consolation of Israel” (v 25) and the “redemption of Jerusalem” (v 38) refer to Isaiah’s prophecy about Israel’s return from the Babylonian captivity. Though this took place physically in 538 B.C., there had been no spiritual restoration.

1. What do Simeon and Anna have in common?

2. While it is unknown how the Spirit prompted these two people, what do they conclude about Jesus and His mission?

3. Despite the witness of Gabriel in chapter 1, these testimonies were no doubt given as an encouragement to Mary & Joseph. What might we conclude from this about our own spiritual needs?

PRAY: The coming of Jesus is *the* great revival in history. Every other is a shadow of it. Pray that God would pour out His Spirit in our day, drawing many to Himself.

THE SAVIOUR'S EARLY YEARS

Day 4

READ LUKE 2:41-52

At 12 Jesus was nearing the age of His Bar Mitzvah ceremony where in Jewish culture he formally became a responsible adult. Given this it is not surprising that each parent might imagine he was with the other.

1. In your own words, describe the most striking part of the passage. What conclusions might be drawn from this about Jesus?

2. Jesus' parents were poor but godly people. How is this apparent in the following verses? (v 21, 23, 27, 39, 41,42)

3. Godly people, who had experienced much, still struggled to understand what was happening. (v 50). This blindness (9:45; 18:34) is only resolved when the risen Jesus instructs His people. (24:27,32,45) How is this insight helpful in Christian life?

PRAY: This side of heaven our appreciation of heavenly realities is always obscured by our prevailing sin, so we don't always "see". Ask God to help you in this.

WEEK 3: LUKE 2:1-52

Day 5

READ LUKE 2:1-52 & esp LUKE 2:34,35

Mary is the most unique of disciples. The mother of the Son who is yet her master & undoubtedly Luke's key eye-witness to these events. What can we learn from her about true discipleship?

1. As you read the passage again, note the verses which highlight Mary's reaction to the things she sees and hears.
2. Try to paraphrase Simeon's words to Mary in v's 34 & 35. If you need help google the Good News Translation.
3. How might the final event in v's 41-52 have been an introduction for Mary of the pain to come? What does it say to you about true discipleship?

"fellowship is a spiritual necessity, for God has made us in such a way that our fellowship with himself is fed by our fellowship with fellow Christians, and needs to be fed constantly."

J.I. Packer

PRAY: Simeon's words are profound and challenging. There is an experience of the "sword" for all followers of Jesus. Ask God to help you welcome it and be strengthened by it.

THE SAVIOUR'S EARLY YEARS

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. Given what she'd been told by Gabriel, how would Mary's faith have been tested and encouraged by what she saw, experienced and heard? (Day 1 Q 1)
2. Try to paraphrase Simeon's words to Mary in v's 34 & 35. (Day 2 Q 2)
3. Despite the witness of Gabriel in chapter 1, these testimonies were no doubt given as an encouragement to Mary & Joseph. What might we conclude from this about our own spiritual needs? (Day 3 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 4: LUKE 3:1-4:13

Week 4: Day 1

READ LUKE 3:1-2

With a historian's precision Luke places John's ministry in the context of five different Roman officials (v 1) and the high priesthood of Caiaphas (v 2).

1. The fifteenth year of the reign of Caesar is most likely AD 29. What significant historical event (as recorded here) happened at this time?

2. There had been almost 500 years of prophetic silence up to this point! Given that, what might John's ministry have meant to the people of Israel at that time?

3. As those who have God's word constantly available to us, how should we view it? (see Psalm 19:7-11)

PRAY: Give thanks for God's word as it comes to us in the scriptures, both privately and publicly. Pray for God's servants who work at bible translation to make it available in people's native languages.

THE SAVIOUR'S 'CV'

Day 2

READ LUKE 3:1-6

1. What is the subject matter of John's 'sermon', v 3?

2. 'Repentance involves a choice to turn the course of one's life; it involves both a turning away from a fundamental commitment to sin and turning toward the Lord in obedience.' Mike McKinley, Luke for You.

What is the significance of v 6 for this message?

3. Road building is treated as a metaphor for individual readiness. John's readers needed to ready themselves for Jesus' first arrival. How can we ready ourselves for his return?

PRAY: The Christian life doesn't just start with repentance but continues with it. Express your repentance to God now, remembering His promise of forgiveness.

WEEK 4: LUKE 3:1-4:13

Day 3

READ LUKE 3:7-20

1. How would you summarize John's warning to the crowds in v's 7-9?
2. The mightier one coming was Jesus. How does John describe what He would do?
3. In what way might you be tempted to place confidence in your spiritual pedigree or heritage like the crowds in v 8? How can you live in the light of John's warning?

PRAY: In John 3:30 John the Baptist says in speaking of Jesus 'He must become greater; I must become less.' Pray that this will be true of you and all God's people, including our spiritual leaders at Grace.

THE SAVIOUR'S 'CV'

Day 4

READ LUKE 3:21-38

1. Luke takes Jesus' genealogy back to Adam. What point do you think he was making?

2. If John's baptism was a sign of repentance, why might Jesus (who had no sins of which to repent) have come to be baptized?

Two people in these verses who are referred to as the Son of God: Jesus and Adam. Jesus was an obedient son with whom God 'was well pleased'. Adam was a disobedient son as was the nation of Israel, that God punished.

3. If you are a Christian, you are now 'in Christ' instead of being 'in Adam'. Where do you most struggle to live out your new identity?

PRAY: As one 'in Christ' pray that God's Spirit will enable you to live consistently with that status.

WEEK 4: LUKE 3:1-4:13

Day 5

READ LUKE 4:1-13

1. What do you notice about the way Jesus faces the devil's temptations?
2. Satan claims authority over the world in v 6. In what sense is that true and in what sense is it not?
3. When you are tempted, how does it help to know that Jesus stood in your place and succeeded where you failed? (See 1 Cor. 10:13, Heb. 4:15)

"We are too apt to forget that temptation to sin will rarely present itself to us in its true colours, saying, 'I am your deadly enemy, and I want to ruin you forever in hell.' Oh no! Sin comes to us like Judas, with a kiss...it rarely seems like sin at first beginnings."

J.C. Ryle

PRAY: Jesus used scripture to resist the devil's temptations. Pray for God's enabling to learn more of scripture verses so you won't fall into temptation.

THE SAVIOUR'S 'CV'

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. What do you notice about the way Jesus faces the devil's temptations? (Day 5 Q 1)
2. Satan claims authority over the world in v 6. In what sense is that true? How is it not true? (Day 5 Q 2)
3. When you are tempted, how does it help to know that Jesus stood in your place and succeeded where you failed? (See 1 Cor. 10:13, Heb. 4:15) (Day 5 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 5: LUKE 4:14-5:11

The events at Nazareth which open this chapter are recorded by Matthew and Mark but Luke has moved them earlier to serve as a statement or manifesto of Jesus' entire Galilean ministry. The sermon, largely from Isaiah 61, sets out what He's come to do but it will bring astonishing rejection from spiritual exiles & especially His countrymen

Week 5: Day 1

READ LUKE 4:14-44 & ISAIAH 61:1-2

1. What various reactions to Jesus do you find in this passage?
2. The passage Jesus chose to read was Isaiah 61:1-2. Compare it with Luke 4:18,19. He added something and left something out. Can you suggest why?
3. Who were the poor, blind and oppressed in Isaiah's context and what has caused this? (Isaiah 40:1,2; Isaiah 42:18-20) Who are these people today?

PRAY: The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is crucial to the renewal Jesus brought (4:18) Pray that God will grant that to us.

THE SAVIOUR'S MANIFESTO

Day 2

READ LUKE 4:14-30

Jesus' announcement in v 21 is stunning. The hope of the ages was being fulfilled before their very eyes! But the puzzle in this passage is the change in response to Jesus. From v 22 to v 29 something dramatic happens!

1. Consider Jesus' statement in v 23 along with the two illustrations in v's 24-27. How would you summarize what He was saying?

2. What problem in the hearers could possibly account for their angry reaction? Hint: Isaiah's words were addressed to "spiritual exiles."

3. Sometimes people are angered by the gospel. How does this usually affect you? How do you account for that?

PRAY: Jesus came bringing grace before the final judgement. Consider the names of your 3:1:1 people and pray for them.

WEEK 5: LUKE 4:14-5:11

Day 3

READ LUKE 4:31-37

The healings and exorcisms in this passage and those which follow, most likely took place before the sermon, which would explain v's 14, 15 & 23. However, these miraculous works serve as "sermon illustrations". Jesus has come bringing the good news of God's kingdom.

1. Carefully read these verses. What seems to be the main point Luke is making about Jesus?

Twenty first century, western readers are surprised by the many references to demons in Jesus' ministry. No doubt it was the unprecedented activity of powers who knew their time was short.

2. Jesus wouldn't allow the demons to speak (v 35 & 41) even if they said things about Him that were true. How might you explain this?

3. In what ways should Jesus' obvious power and authority impact the way we approach our lives in Christ?

PRAY: Jesus' power and authority is stunning. Evil powers quake before Him. Pray that your response to His authority would be fitting for a believer.

THE SAVIOUR'S MANIFESTO

Day 4

READ LUKE 4:38-41

From a public setting to a private one yet the same authority is evident in all that Jesus does. He brings God's kingdom power to a fallen world.

1. Jesus "rebuked" the fever (v 39) and "rebuked" the demons. (v 41) Noting the paragraph that begins today's reading, try to put into words what Jesus' rebuke may have sounded like.

2. It has been suggested that there is a model in the response of Peter's mother-in-law to her healing in v 39. How might it apply to us today?

3. If we're to respond properly to the "good news" Jesus has brought, what might we need to change?

PRAY: Peter's mother-in-law provides a great snapshot of the Christian life. Pray that we and the disciples we make would delight to follow her model.

WEEK 5: LUKE 4:14-5:11

Day 5

READ LUKE 4:14-44

The question of healing and spiritual warfare is prominent in Christian communities. We wonder why we don't see or experience more of this today. As good disciples, we need to grapple with this.

1. Jesus could have used His power to do many things. How does the beginning and end of the passage underline His' core ministry?

All Christians believe in spiritual warfare. The NT describes how Jesus confronted evil. If He performed no miracles or exorcisms in attacking Satan's kingdom we would have reason to wonder if He was the Christ. But we are not the Christ nor are (all) of us called to the kind of command-control ministry He exercised.

2. How does the NT prescribe how we should fight against evil powers? Consider the following:

- Ephesians 5:8-12;
- Ephesians 6:12-20;
- 1 Peter 5:8-11

3. For more on this topic, google The Gospel Coalition: "Spiritual Warfare 101"

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15

PRAY: Consider the kinds of evil and temptations that you most commonly encounter. Ask God to help you be faithful in fighting them.

THE SAVIOUR'S MANIFESTO

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. What various reactions to Jesus do you find in this passage? (Day 1 Q 1)
2. The passage Jesus chose to read was Isaiah 61:1-2. Compare it with Luke 4:18,19. He added something and left something out. Can you suggest why? (Day 1 Q 2)
3. Sometimes people are angered by the gospel. How does this usually affect you? How do you account for that? (Day 2 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 6: LUKE 5:12-6:11

Week 6: Day 1

READ LUKE 5:12-32

The law of Moses provided instructions for dealing with people who suffered from leprosy (especially Leviticus 13-14). The result was that the individual was considered ritually unclean and required to live in isolation from the life of the community (see Lev 13:45-46).

1. What do you learn about Jesus in these healing miracles?

2. Jesus chose to touch the leper. What might that have communicated to him?

3. Is there anything in your life that stops you from going to Jesus when you feel spiritually “unclean”? How should you think about that in light of this passage?

PRAY: Give thanks for spiritual cleansing, obtained at such a cost. Pray that you will believe in your heart of hearts that you have been totally cleansed and that all feelings of residual guilt will be removed in the Lord Jesus.

THE SAVIOUR'S DEMANDS

Day 2

READ LUKE 5:17-26

1. What is surprising about Jesus' statement in v 20?
2. Which statement do you think is easier to say (v 23)? Why?
3. Jesus' word has all the power needed to bring forgiveness of sins and to call sinners? How does this show itself in:
 - a. your personal life?
 - b. your church life?

PRAY: Ask God that our focus as a church will be on spiritual healing as the biggest problem and that we won't be distracted by secondary things.

WEEK 6: LUKE 5:12-6:11

Day 3

READ LUKE 5:27-32

The call of Levi is a logical 'next step' following Jesus' claim in verse 24.

Tax collectors were commonly viewed as the ultimate sinners; enemies of God and his people.

1. At first glance, Jesus' invitation to Levi might seem surprising. What qualifies Levi for this?
2. Try to put v's 31-32 in your own words. What does this tell us about Jesus' mission?

We can have confidence, whoever we are, to turn away, like Levi, from whatever life we have lived and turn back to Jesus for forgiveness.

3. In what ways is this both an encouragement and a challenge?

John Newton, the infamous nineteenth-century slave trader and writer of the hymn 'Amazing Grace'; said shortly before his death to his pastor friend William Jay, *"My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Saviour."*

PRAY: Ask God for the conviction to keep turning back to Jesus for forgiveness and follow Him in everything as Levi did.

THE SAVIOUR'S DEMANDS

Day 4

READ LUKE 5:33-39

God is presented as the husband of His people in Isaiah 54:5 and Hosea 2:7 and God's King as the ideal bridegroom in the Song of Songs and Psalm 45. As such He promises that He's prepared a perfect wedding feast for them, where all that spoils this fallen world will be restored. (Isa. 25:6-9; Amos 9:13).

1. How does Jesus answer the comment of the Pharisees and teachers of the law in v 33?

2. In the light of the Old Testament background noted above, what does Jesus' comment in v 34-35 amount to?

The three parables of v's 36-39 confirm the extreme claim of Jesus in v 34-35. Now that the Anointed One has arrived, the old ways are redundant. In the bridegroom's presence joy is to be experienced.

3. Is joy a mark of your Christian life or are you more of a killjoy? What do you have to be joyful about in Jesus? How can joy be more evident in our gatherings?

PRAY: That God will grant you and our church family true gospel joy whatever our life circumstances might be.

WEEK 6: LUKE 5:12-6:11

Day 5

READ LUKE 6:1-11

Sabbath observance was one of the most important Jewish practices and the Pharisees had constructed many laws (thirty-nine in fact!) to ensure that people did nothing that could be construed as work on this holy day. In both episodes here, the Pharisees had been watching Jesus and His disciples closely, hoping to catch them breaking those laws.

1. What principles of proper sabbath observance do we see in this passage?

2. What do you think Jesus is communicating in his outlandish claim in v. 5?

Conflict with the religious authorities is a recurring theme in Luke's gospel. The gospel of the Lordship of Jesus Christ still causes division. How does an awareness of this help us in proclaiming Jesus today?

"In tenderness He sought me, Weary and sick with sin, And on His shoulders brought me Into His flock again."

Lyrics "Oh, the Love that sought me"

PRAY: For boldness to live for and to proclaim Jesus despite opposition that might come.

THE SAVIOUR'S DEMANDS

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. What do you learn about Jesus in these healing miracles? (Day 1 Q 1)
2. What might the fact that Jesus touched the leper communicate to him? (Day 1 Q 2)
3. We can have confidence, whoever we are, to turn away, like Levi, from whatever life we have lived and turn back to Jesus for forgiveness. In what ways is this a) an encouragement? b) a challenge? (Day 3 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 7: LUKE 6:12-49

Jesus, choosing 12 disciples to match the 12 tribes of Israel was both significant and provocative. Having exposed the failure of the scribes & Pharisees, He begins to explain the radical character of His new community. Jesus came to bring a revolution!

Week 7: Day 1

READ LUKE 6:12-49

1. Leaving aside v's 20-26, briefly list the intended character of Jesus' new kingdom.

Jesus knew the men He had chosen; a traitor in Judas (John 6:70,71), an impulsive activist in Peter (John 13:37,38) two temperamental brothers in James & John (Mark 3:17), a chronic pessimist in Thomas (John 11:16) and others besides.

2. What might Jesus have been asking of God in His all night prayer vigil?

PRAY: God's people don't need to be perfect. This side of heaven they aren't! So ask God for patience and love to bear with the differences of those in your church family.

THE SAVIOUR DIVIDES OPINION

Day 2

READ LUKE 6:17-26

Unlike the sermon on the mount in Matthew's gospel, this one takes place on a plain. (v 17) No doubt Jesus preached the same sermon more than once.

1. What encouragement and warnings does this sermon have for the way we pursue Christian life? What mindset do we need to cultivate?

"The poor in Judaism referred to those in desperate need whose helplessness drove them to a dependent relationship with God."

Robert Guelich

2. What things might cause the Christian to "hunger" now as opposed to feeling full? To "weep" now as opposed to laughing?

3. Is there one specific way in which Jesus' words challenge you?

PRAY: The life to which Jesus calls us requires a firm confidence in the goodness of God's final kingdom. Ask God to deepen you in this.

WEEK 7: LUKE 6:12-49

Day 3

READ LUKE 6:27-36

1. Consider v's 27-31. What convictions are required to live such a life?

"If Christians took this (v's 27-31) absolutely literally, there would soon be a class of saintly paupers, owning nothing and another of prosperous idlers and thieves."

Leon Morris

2. A healthy awareness of God's goodness is crucial to the Christian life. How would you evaluate yourself in this?

PRAY: The life of the kingdom is radical and can only be lived out by means of a supernatural love for God and His cause. Pray that God will grow you in this.

THE SAVIOUR DIVIDES OPINION

Day 4

READ LUKE 6:37-42

Jesus' command "not to judge" does not encourage a lack of discernment. This is evident in v 39, 42 & 43ff where discernment is definitely needed.

1. Given the statement above, what attitude is Jesus encouraging in these verses? The opening of v 38 contains a clue.

2. Likewise, in v's 41 & 42, Jesus is not saying that we should not offer advice. Try to put into your own words the practice He is encouraging here?

3. Do we tend to be too judgemental or too unconcerned about others? To what do you attribute that?

PRAY: Christian life is conducted in community because we need each other. However, a generous, patient, self-aware spirit is required. Pray that God will grow you in these.

WEEK 7: LUKE 6:12-49

Day 5

READ LUKE 6:43-49

One danger of a revolutionary sermon like this is to conclude that we have a bunch of external things to “get fixed”. The deeper reality is that we need transformed hearts.

1. Consider v's 43-49. The danger of false teaching is almost certainly involved. What fruit do you think Jesus wants for His people in these verses?
2. It is impossible to produce the fruit Jesus envisages here without a heart felt love for His wise words. How would you evaluate your love of His words?
3. Many today find bible reading difficult. How would you encourage such a person to grow in this essential love of the word?

“The Scriptures are the lifeline God throws us in order to ensure that he and we stay connected while the rescue is in process.” J.I. Packer

PRAY: Consider the state of your own love for the word. Consider also one friend who might need help to grow in this. Pray for both of these things now.

THE SAVIOUR DIVIDES OPINION

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. What encouragement and warnings does this sermon have for the way we pursue Christian life? (Day 2 Q 2)
2. What things might cause the Christian to “hunger” now as opposed to feeling full? To “weep” now as opposed to laughing? (Day 2 Q 2)
3. Do we tend to be too judgemental or too unconcerned about others? What do you attribute that too? (Day 4 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 8: LUKE 7:1-17

Opening Paragraph

Week 8: Day 1

READ LUKE 7:1-17

1. What motivations shape the characters involved in these two episodes?
2. In the first episode, what was more important-Jesus' word or the centurion's faith? Why?
3. Are there changes you need to make to live as if Jesus' words are absolutely authoritative and sufficient?

PRAY: That you and all God's people would have the kind of faith that would surprise the Son of God.

THE SAVIOUR'S SALVATION

Day 2

READ LUKE 7:1-10

1. What is significant about the centurion bowing to Jesus' authority?

2. The original language word for 'heal' in v 3 is literally 'save'. What difference does this make to how we view the passage?

3. Jesus accepted the centurion's recognition of His divine authority. He has indeed come to save, and even Gentiles will benefit from his salvation.

How can you live more purposefully knowing that God's salvation is for all the nations?
(Luke 24:46-47)

PRAY: That you will have the heart of God that longs for all to be saved.

WEEK 8: LUKE 7:1-17

Day 3

READ LUKE 7:11-17

In a society with no social welfare system beyond that of family, a widow's only son was her sole means of support. The widow of Nain's situation was desperate.

1. What actions indicate a) Jesus' humanity? b) Jesus' divinity?

2. Why is it important that Jesus is both truly God and truly human?

3. What encouragements do you have from Jesus' divine and human natures?

PRAY: Thank Jesus for his human and divine natures. Bring your requests to Him knowing that he understands (his humanity) and has power to answer (his divinity)

THE SAVIOUR'S SALVATION

Day 4

READ LUKE 7:11-17

1. What actions of Jesus would have been utterly callous if He had not the authority to deliver?

This episode brings to mind those occasions in 1 Kings 17:17-24 and 2 Kings 4:8-37 in which, through the prayers of Elijah and Elisha, young boys were restored to life. These miracles happened in response to the prayers of the prophets.

2. What is different here with Jesus? What does that tell us? (A hint is in v. 13)

3. As Jesus approached the town gate, a large crowd accompanied the coffin but Jesus was drawn to the mother and 'his heart went out to her' (NIV, other versions, 'he had compassion on her')

How can we show the compassion of Jesus to the obviously needy, like the widow and the seemingly unneedy like the rich & powerful centurion?

PRAY: Thank God for the compassion of Jesus and pray that you will be compassionate to all.

WEEK 8: LUKE 7:1-17

Day 5

READ LUKE 7:1-17

1. What two things does Jesus save from in these verses?
2. Why did Jesus not perform more of these miracles in his lifetime?
3. If we demonstrate faith and ask Jesus to heal us, should we expect it to happen? If not, why not?

'Jesus has not come simply to 'make my life a bit better', to be my 'special friend', or to provide 'wish-fulfilment' for his disciples. He has come to overthrow the horrendous effects of the Fall, to redeem His people, and to lead them on the highway of salvation towards His New Creation.'

William Taylor

PRAY: Give thanks for Jesus' far-reaching salvation. Ask for ongoing trust in this salvation and for boldness to proclaim it. Pray for those you know who desperately need it.

THE SAVIOUR'S SALVATION

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. What motivations shape the characters involved in these two episodes? (Day 1 Q 1)
2. What do you think was most important- Jesus' word or the centurion's great faith? Why? (Day 1 Q 2)
3. If we demonstrate faith and ask Jesus to heal us, should we expect it to happen? If not, why not? (Day 5 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 9: LUKE 7:18-50

In His synagogue sermon at Nazareth Jesus quoted Isaiah 61 but left off the end of v 2 which promised Messianic judgement. While that final judgement is future, in His first coming, Jesus offered salvation & grace. That's what this week will show.

Week 9: Day 1

READ MALACHI 3:1-5 & 4:1-5

Malachi chapters 3 & 4 introduce the messenger who would precede the coming Messiah. This Elijah figure was John the Baptist, (Matthew 11:14)

1. What would John have understood about the work of the Messiah from these two passages?

2. What would John have understood about his own role?

3. For an example of John's preaching, see Matthew 3:1-12. What attributes would John have required to be faithful to that role?

PRAY: There is a judgement which is nearer now than it was in John's day. Ask God's help to be a good messenger to spare people from this.

THE EXPECTED SAVIOUR

Day 2

READ LUKE 7:18-23

Because of what John knew about his role from Malachi, Jesus' actions troubled him.

1. Consider the things Jesus was doing, which John's disciples would have reported back.
2. The following references to the Messiah's work will help you understand Jesus' answer to John's disciples. (Isaiah 35:5,6; Isaiah 26:19; Isaiah 29:18,19)
3. Jesus doesn't tell John everything but how would you summarise what he does say?

PRAY: There are times when we don't know why God acts as He does. It can cause us great anxiety. Ask Him to grant you an informed faith that trusts Him during the dark times.

WEEK 9: LUKE 7:18-50

Day 3

READ LUKE 7:24-35

1. What do you learn about John in these verses? It will help you to find out the passage quoted in v 27.

2. John was least in the kingdom (v 28) because he was the last of the old age prophets. What were the scribes and Pharisees indicating about themselves by rejecting John's baptism?

3. The warning about that "generation" in v's 31-35, is true of many generations. How would you sum it up? How should we respond to it?

PRAY: All believers relate to a world which is notoriously irrational in dealing with spiritual realities. Ask God to give you wisdom and discernment in doing this.

THE EXPECTED SAVIOUR

Day 4

READ LUKE 7:36-50

This passage takes us to the heart of the salvation Luke is commending (1:1-4). The responses of Simon and the woman are examples of v 35. One is a child of wisdom, the other is not.

1. What can you infer about Simon and the woman from what you read here? (Note: for a woman to show her hair in public would have been considered scandalous)

2. In their treatment of Jesus, what contrasts Simon and the woman?

3. Why do you think some people object so strongly to the idea of grace? What can make someone truly appreciate grace?

'The woman's spontaneous, extravagant expression of love to Jesus is a window into her heart and a measure of how much she grasps the wonder of her forgiveness.'

Mike Raiter

PRAY: This episode may have shocked John the Baptist. If so, this indicates that knowledge of God's plans for His world is crucial to godly living in every age. Ask God to deepen you in this.

WEEK 9: LUKE 7:18-50

Day 5

READ LUKE 7:1-50

This week has been all about the salvation Jesus brings which won't be complete until He returns. John's problem which we saw on day 1 & 2 was that He didn't understand the times. But as good ministers of that salvation we must.

1. From what you read here, what will be involved in Jesus' total salvation when He returns?
2. Are there elements of Jesus' total salvation that we only experience in part now?
3. What did you learn this week about how a person can miss out on that salvation?

PRAY: Consider your 3:1:1 friends. Ask God to grant them the miracle of Jesus' salvation- freedom for prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, liberty for the spiritually oppressed.

THE EXPECTED SAVIOUR

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. What can you infer about Simon and the woman from what you read here? (Day 4 Q 1)
2. In their treatment of Jesus, what contrasts Simon and the woman? (Day 4 Q2)
3. Why do you think some people object so strongly to the idea of grace? What can make someone truly appreciate grace? (Day 3 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 10: LUKE 8:1-56

Week 10: Day 1

READ LUKE 8:1-15

1. Consider only what the crowd heard. What would have determined their response? (Hint: notice what the disciples did in v 9)

2. In Jesus' explanation, what spiritual realities are represented by the various landing spots of the seeds?

3. Look at the things that undo the second and third soils (v. 13-14). Which of those things are most likely to be a challenge for you? What can you do to guard your heart against them?

PRAY: Ask God to help you to be someone who hears the word, retains it, and by persevering, produces a great crop.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOUR

Day 2

READ LUKE 8:16-21

1. How does the theme of hearing tie together today's reading with yesterday's?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says that those who hear and do God's word are his "mother" and "brothers"? What are the implications for family life?
3. Rate your "hearing" and "doing"? How can v. 21 help motivate you to obey God's word?

PRAY: Pray that you will be a doer of the word and not a hearer only (James 1:22)

WEEK 10: LUKE 8:1-56

Day 3

READ LUKE 8:22-33

The question of the disciples in v. 25 is answered correctly by the demon-possessed man in v. 28.

1. Over what does Jesus show his authority in each of these episodes? What insight does this give as to his identity?

2. Fear is a common response in these episodes. In what sense is it right to be fearful of Jesus? In what sense, wrong?

3. What do you think is the key to having a healthy and godly fear?

PRAY: Ask God to grant you a genuine, godly, well-informed fear.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOUR

Day 4

READ LUKE 8:34-39

Some will be troubled by the destruction of the pigs. Jesus didn't have a callous disregard for animal welfare but a priority of human salvation. Satan's work is always destructive.

1. The townspeople's fear of Jesus calls to mind Luke 5:8ff. How does Peter's reaction there, help us understand the fear of the townspeople?
2. What are two contrasts that conclude this episode? How have they come about?
3. What is the challenge for us in the demon-possessed man's response to his healing (v. 39)?

PRAY: Who could you tell this week of all that God has done for you? Pray for opportunities and boldness to do so.

WEEK 10: LUKE 8:1-56

Day 5

READ LUKE 8:40-56

Jesus has stilled a storm and cleansed a man possessed by demons. Now, he confronts humanity's last and greatest enemy: death.

1. In what ways were Jesus' actions unsettling for the woman and for Jairus?
2. The woman didn't make Jesus unclean with her disease (Lev. 15:25-30). Instead, Jesus made her clean. How is that a picture of the gospel?
3. Jesus no doubt exceeded expectations for both the woman and for Jairus. What should our expectations be of Jesus:
 - a. in light of these episodes? (see Eph. 3:20-21)?
 - b. knowing that the New Age hasn't yet fully come?

In the late eighteenth century, William Carey preached an incredibly influential sermon in which he challenged his hearers to "*expect great things from God [and to] attempt great things for God.*" It was aimed at rousing the church of his day from its complacency.

PRAY: Pray that we at Grace Church will expect great things from God and attempt great things for God, all to His glory.

RESPONDING TO THE SAVIOUR

FOR GROWTH GROUP PREPARATION

1. Consider only what the crowd heard. What would have determined their response? (Hint: notice what the disciples did in v 9 Day 1 Q 1)
2. In Jesus' explanation, what spiritual realities are represented by the various landing spots of the seeds? (Day 1 Q 2)
3. Look at the things that undo the second and third soils (v. 13-14). Which of those things are most likely to be a challenge for you? What can you do to guard your heart against them? (Day 1 Q 3)

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 11: LUKE 9:1-50

This chapter is the central block of teaching in Luke's gospel. It is pregnant with themes from Exodus, since Jesus provides our true Exodus from spiritual exile. His identity and mission will be confirmed; He will offer a radical call to discipleship & our need of Him will be shown in the spectacular failure of the twelve who at this point only saw in part.

Week 11: Day 1

READ LUKE 9:1-50

1. Briefly list the ways in which people show their incomplete understanding of the kind of Messiah Jesus is & what following Him will entail.

2. For the first time the disciples share in Jesus' mission. What can we learn from their experience about what this will entail? (see also Acts 1:8)

PRAY: Ask for God's help in your own attempts to share Jesus' mission.

THE SAVIOUR'S SUMMONS

Day 2

READ LUKE 9:10-17

1. Jesus debriefs the disciples' mission experience and again invites them to join Him in His. What contrasts can you find? What would they have learned?

Although we are often slow to see it, there is great blessing to be found in the experience of serving others. This is one reason Jesus offers that experience.

2. What OT characters would alert observers have been reminded of in the feeding miracle? (See Deuteronomy 1:15; Exodus 16:1ff; 1 Kings 18:13; 2 Kings 4:42ff)

3. What should we learn from the satisfaction of the crowd and the collection of the leftovers?

PRAY: The goodness and provision of God is a crucial lesson in discipleship. Pray that God would deepen your awareness of this.

WEEK 11: LUKE 9:1-50

Day 3

READ LUKE 9:18-27

The scuttlebut about Jesus was everywhere (9:7-9; 19) but awareness that He was God's Messiah required the miraculous work of God (Matthew 16:17)

1. Following Jesus will require a clear understanding of the kind of Messiah He is. How is this apparent in this episode?

2. To "deny" oneself is to "disown" oneself. What personal cost do you most fear in "denying" yourself to follow Jesus?

3. In what sense or in what contexts are you tempted to be ashamed of Jesus and His words?

PRAY: Bring your discipleship struggles before God. Pray that you would die daily to yourself and follow Jesus truly as your king.

THE SAVIOUR'S SUMMONS

Day 4

READ LUKE 9:27-36

Decades later, the transfiguration was still deeply impacting for Peter. (2 Peter 1:16-18)

1. For whose benefit do you think the events described in these verses were given? Explain. What would the disciples have learned from it? (see also Isaiah 42:1ff)

2. Moses and Elijah spoke of Jesus' "departure" (v 31) or literally "exodus". In what sense does Jesus' death and resurrection fulfill the "exodus"?

3. Jesus' "exodus" is the key to ours. What do you look forward to most in the resurrection?

For more google: the Gospel Coalition "What the transfiguration tells us about Jesus"

PRAY: Ask God to give you a firm confidence in Jesus' "exodus" and yours to come. Ask Him to always help you live in light of it.

WEEK 11: LUKE 9:1-50

Day 5

READ LUKE 9:37-50

1. After the astonishing highpoint of the transfiguration, how might the tragic failures in these verses make you doubtful about the future of Jesus' mission?
2. In v's 46-50, how would you diagnose the common element in the disciples' attitude which lead to their failures?
3. Consider those you admire for their humility. What are the various traits that indicate this humility to you?

"Pride is the oldest and most common of sin. Humility is the rarest and most beautiful of graces. The surest mark of true conversion is humility" J.C. Ryle

PRAY: Pray that the Lord would enable you to raise up the lowly, to work in partnership rather than rivalry and to treat others as better than yourself.

PRAYER POINTS & NOTES

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SELF HEALTH GUIDE

God's grace is powerful. It brings security and optimism when we think we're doing well and even when we think we're not. And his grace will spur us on to grow. Growth can be hard. We're not sure of the way ahead.

The following is a self-health guide. It's for you to use privately. It's between you and God. If you thought it measured how your Father looks at you, it could lead to a sense of legalism. But it doesn't do that. Rate yourself 1 to 5 for each point, with 5 being high. Pick one or two to ask God's help in.

Mission

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| I am praying regularly for non-Christians friends to be saved | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I take opportunities to speak to my non-Christian friends about the gospel | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I feel confident that I could explain the gospel to someone who doesn't know it | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I prayerfully and financially support mission partners | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I make use of Grace Church events to help my friends by inviting them. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Maturity

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| I engage regularly with the Bible during the week outside church activities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I intentionally make time for prayer throughout my week | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am a regular participant with others in a group for Christian fellowship | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My Christian life and beliefs are evident to my friends | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I regularly confess my sins to God and seek to overcome them | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Membership

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| I value & prioritise church attendance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I take the initiative before & after church to welcome new people | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am alert to opportunities at church and during the week to care for needy members of church | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |



I initiate fruitful conversations with brothers and sisters to build them up

I seek to show hospitality in a way that is consistent with my situation

Magnification

1 2 3 4 5

I have a mindset that my daily life is about God's glory

In my relationship with God I regularly experience- gratitude, joy, repentance, forgiveness, satisfaction etc

I feel equipped with practices & habits that help me relate with God during the day

I know my example on a Sunday affects others so I seeking to encourage them in the way I listen, sing, talk etc

I seek to worship God through the way I interact with others

Ministry

1 2 3 4 5

I see all of my life as service and take opportunities outside church to serve others

I serve regularly in a church ministry team and prioritise this in my planning

I feel like I'm using my skills, gifts and time wisely for God's kingdom

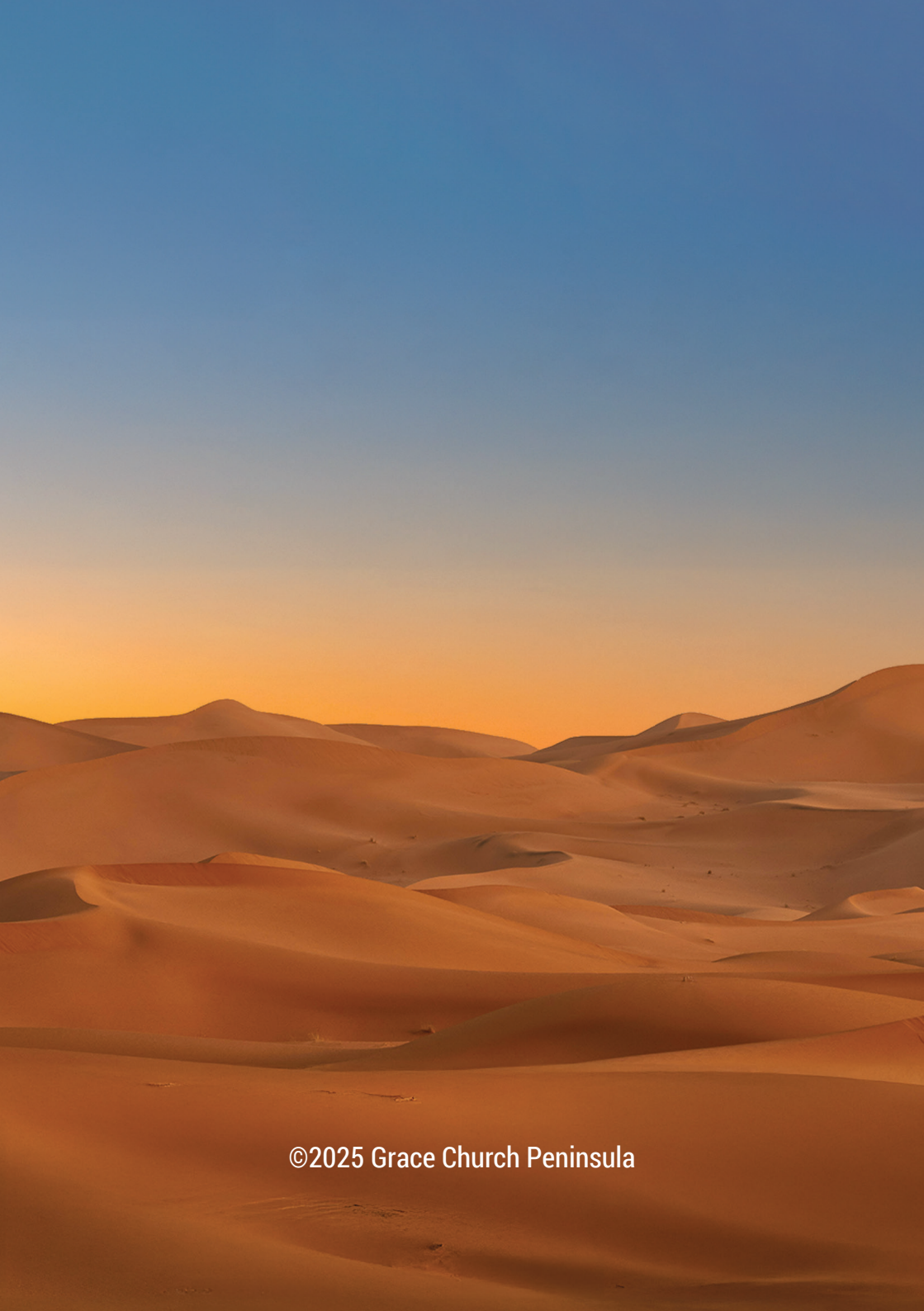
The gospel drives me to serve as much as I can to further the kingdom

I generally serve with humility and gladness

How are you feeling? Good because you think you nailed it? Depressed because you think you're failing? Consider this: *"...by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect..."*

1 Corinthians 15:10

Pick one or two things you want to grow in and ask God to help you:



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