

READING LUKE WITH GRACE



JANUARY 3
THROUGH MARCH 28

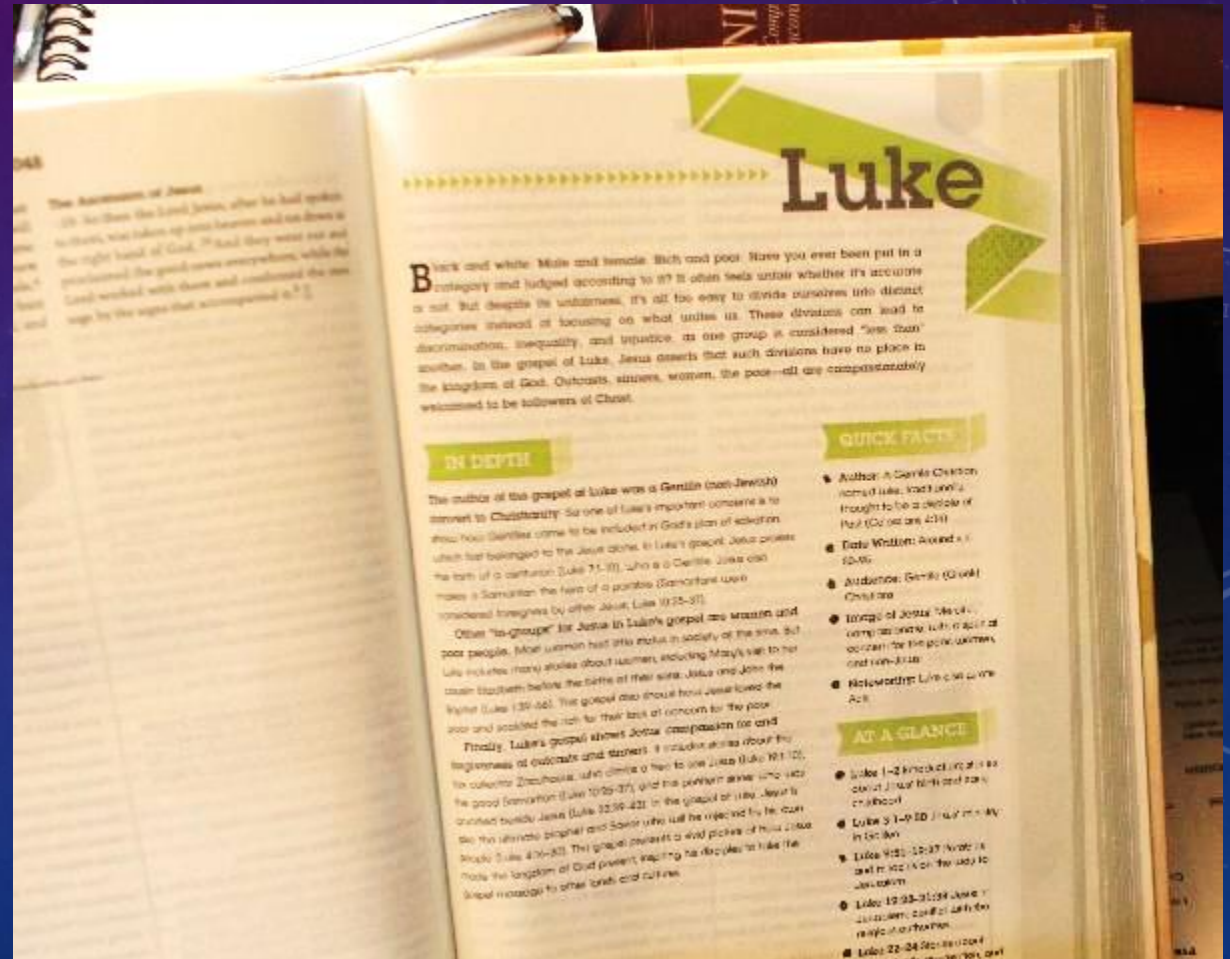
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

Read the Gospel of Luke

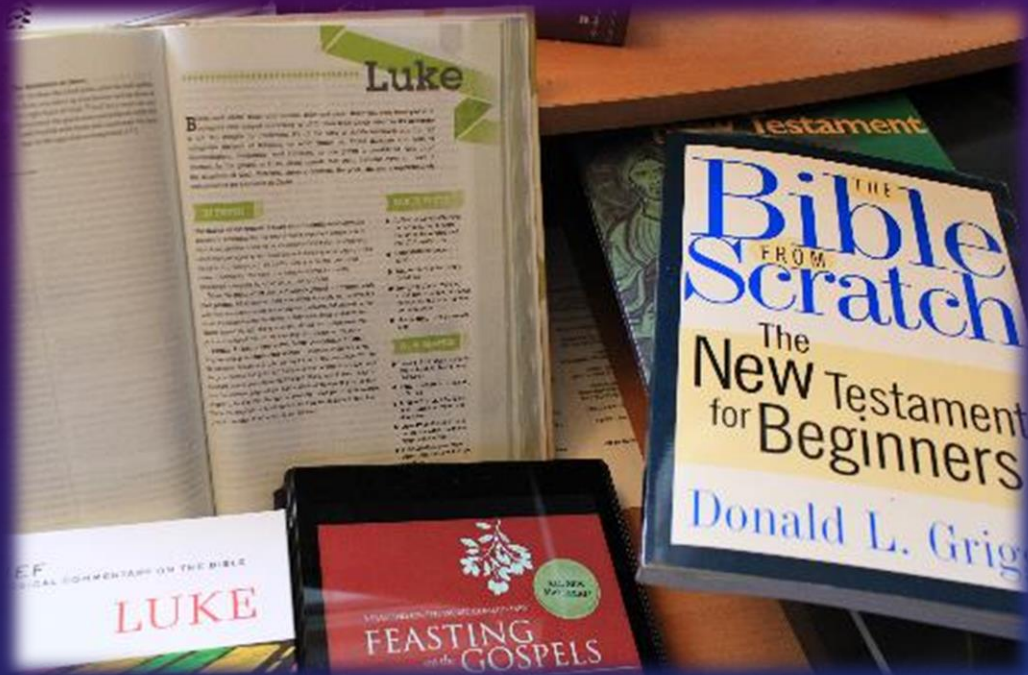
... 2 chapters a week

... get together and talk about it

... anything else is gravy



REFLECT



What did you learn about
God, Jesus or the Spirit?
What surprised you?
What is important to you?
How will this affect your
everyday life?

You don't need a lot of study
materials (unless you want to dig
deeper)

WHAT WILL WE DO IN OASIS?

Leaders (Cindi, Amy, Nelson) will highlight select major themes of the chapters

- Discussion
- Breakouts

Participant-focused discussion

- What moved you?
- What left you with questions?
- What next?

WHAT IF I FALL BEHIND?



We all have those weeks
... you can catch up
... or skip ahead
... but don't drop out

HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

Go to the Grace Web Site for details:

<https://www.gracepresby.org/read-luke-with-grace/>



Read the Gospel of Luke with Grace in 2021!



Grace kicks off the new year with a church-wide study of the book of Luke. Individuals and families are invited to read, study, and discuss two chapters a week, following the schedule below.

Adults can join the **OASIS adult class** (Sunday mornings, 9:15 am on Zoom) to talk about what they read during the week. We'll have opportunities for children and youth as well. Whether you participate in class discussion or read on your own, we encourage you to share your thoughts about what you're reading with the other adults, children, and youth in your household.

Consider a New Year's resolution of getting to know Jesus – and his interest in those on the margins – more deeply through this study!

Reading Schedule

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LUKE AHEAD OF TIME?

It's one of four
GOSPELS in the
Bible

Gospel = **Good news**

Not a biography or a history

Each Gospel reflects the
perspectives of the author
and of the intended
community

WHAT ELSE?

Traditionally attributed to Luke, Paul's 'beloved physician' in Colossians, Acts

Also wrote the Acts of the Apostles

Likely to Greek Christian community

Believed to be written in last third of 1st century (80-95 CE)

Written after Mark and Paul's letters

Time of tension, persecution in the community

WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT FROM LUKE?

LET'S GO TO THE PROLOGUE...

1 Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

DISCUSSION TIME



Based on the prologue, what do you expect to get out of Luke?

In what ways are we part of the continuing chain of witnesses?

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?

Any aha! moments in the breakout groups?

What would you like to get out of this Bible study?
What questions would you like to explore?

Share in the comments →

THEMES IN LUKE

Reversals

- ... social
- ... political
- ... interpretation of law, scripture
- ... expectations

Inclusive nature

- ... emphasis on the poor, those on margins
- ... concern for sinners
- ... role of women
- ... Samaritans, Gentiles

THEMES IN LUKE

The good news of Jesus

- ... joyfulness
- ... the meaning to those who hear it
- ... how do we respond?

The use of scripture

- ... promise-fulfillment
- ... interpreting the law and prophets
- ... the nature of the expected messiah

THEMES IN LUKE

The role of the Spirit

Importance of prayer and solitude for Jesus

Importance of meals and feasting

The nature of being a disciple