

The Gospel of Luke introduces us to Jesus through the eyes of a careful investigator and gifted storyteller.

Luke was a physician (doctor), a close traveling companion of the Apostle Paul, and the only Gentile (non-Jewish) author God used to write a book of the Bible. He carefully researched eyewitness accounts so people could know with confidence that the story of Jesus is true (Luke 1:1–4).

God used Luke to write both the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Together, these two books make up more of the New Testament than any other single author by word count—nearly one-third of the entire New Testament. Through Luke's writing, we watch Jesus come to seek the lost, heal the hurting, welcome the outsider, and offer forgiveness to everyone who believes.

Luke reminds us that no one is beyond God's grace.

As you read this week, ask yourself:

- What does this passage teach me about the heart of Jesus?
- Who does Jesus notice that others overlook?
- Where do I need God's grace today?
- How can I extend that same grace to someone else?

Whether you've followed Jesus for decades or you're still exploring who He is, Luke invites you to discover the incredible compassion of our Savior.

Grab your Bible, your journal, and ask God to help you see people the way Jesus sees them.

Parents: Luke reminds us that Jesus loves every person deeply—children, families, those who feel forgotten, and even people who have made big mistakes. This week, help your kids discover that no one is

too far from God's love and that every person matters to Jesus.

Parent Prompt

Memory Verse: Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Spend five minutes each day reading this verse aloud. Try memorizing it together as a family and talk about what it means to be "found" by Jesus.

Monday, August 10

Read: Luke 2:1–20

Reflect: Jesus could have entered the world in a palace. Instead, He came in humility. His first visitors weren't kings or religious leaders—they were shepherds, ordinary people often overlooked by society. From the very beginning, God was showing us that His love is for everyone.

Ask yourself:

- Do I believe God sees me?
- Am I making room for Jesus in the middle of my busy life?

Respond: Thank God today for coming near. Spend a few quiet moments simply worshiping Jesus for who He is.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for stepping into our world so I could know You personally.

Tuesday, August 11

Read: Luke 5:17–26

Reflect: Four friends carried a man to Jesus because they believed Jesus could change his life. Before healing his body, Jesus forgave his sins. Our greatest need isn't simply physical healing. It's forgiveness and a restored relationship with God.

Ask yourself:

- Who helped bring me closer to Jesus?
- Who can I bring closer to Him?

Respond: Pray for one person who needs Jesus. Ask God to allow you to encourage them this week.

Prayer: Lord, help me be the kind of friend who points people to You.

Wednesday, August 12

Read: Luke 10:25–37

Reflect: The Good Samaritan teaches us that loving our neighbor isn't about convenience. It's about compassion. Jesus calls us to notice people who are hurting instead of walking past them.

Ask yourself:

- Who around me needs encouragement today?
- Am I too busy to notice someone's pain?

Respond: Look for one practical way to show kindness today—without expecting anything in return.

Prayer: Jesus, open my eyes to the needs around me and give me the courage to respond with love.

Thursday, August 13

Read: Luke 15:11–32

Reflect: This famous story is often called the Prodigal Son. But it's really about an amazing Father. No matter how far the son wandered, the father never stopped loving him. That's the heart of God. He welcomes anyone who turns back to Him.

Ask yourself:

- Is there an area where I need to come home to God?
- Am I celebrating God's grace toward others?

Respond: Spend a few minutes thanking God for His patience, forgiveness, and unconditional love.

Prayer: Father, thank You for always welcoming me with open arms.

Friday, August 14

Read: Luke 19:1–10

Reflect: Everyone knew Zacchaeus by his failures. Jesus knew him by his name. One encounter with Jesus changed everything. When Jesus changes a heart, our lives begin changing too.

Ask yourself:

- What has Jesus changed in my life?
- Is there one area where He's still asking me to grow?

Respond: Write down one practical step of obedience God is inviting you to take this week.

Prayer: Jesus, continue changing my heart so my life reflects You.

Saturday, August 15

Read: Luke 23:32–43; Luke 24:1–12

Reflect: One criminal mocked Jesus. The other believed. Both were near the cross. Only one placed his faith in Christ. The empty tomb reminds us that forgiveness isn't earned. It's received. Jesus defeated sin and death so we could have eternal life.

Ask yourself:

- Have I placed my trust completely in Jesus?
- Who needs to hear this life-changing hope?

Respond: Pray for one person who doesn't know Christ and ask God to give you an opportunity to share your story.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for Your grace. Help me live with hope because You are alive.

Saturday Evening & Sunday

As you prepare for worship this weekend, thank God for His compassion, His grace, and His invitation to follow Him.

Pray that your heart will become more like the heart of Jesus—a heart that notices people, welcomes people, and loves people.

Come expecting God to speak through His Word.

Come ready to worship.

Come ready to take your next step.