

# **SYLLABUS**

## **A Study of the Gospel according to Luke**

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church  
Spring 2020  
Class Days: Wednesdays at 12:00 pm

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### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

To have a better understanding of the Gospel of Luke, we must understand that he only wanted the truth. As a historian, Luke's research is meticulous, interviewing reliable witnesses and primary sources. As a doctor, a man of science, he carefully considers all the facts before rendering an opinion. Luke's investigation included reading "accounts about events" (1:1) and analyzing "reports from the early disciples" (1:2). Luke sought and found the truth. Then he recorded it to affirm this truth in writing and to point his readers to the Truth, Jesus Christ. As you study Luke's Gospel, carefully investigate for yourself. Analyze the evidence presented, follow the clues, and render your judgment. Perhaps you will discover that Jesus is Christ, the Savior, God's Son.

### **BOOK/CLASS MATERIALS**

The Holy Bible, Notebook and Pen or Pencil

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This Bible study will focus on the Gospel as written by Luke. The Book of Luke is primarily divided into three sections. The first section addresses the birth and preparation of Jesus from infancy through the pressures and temptations of life. The second section deals with His message and ministry. We will study how Jesus taught great crowds through parables. These are stories with great truths. Luke covers Jesus' ministry in Galilee, on the way to Jerusalem and in Jerusalem. In the last section we will study how the Savior of the world was arrested and executed. In the Book of Luke, we will study his careful, historical account and receive facts about Jesus' resurrection.

### **GROUP COVENANT**

1. Priority – While in this Bible Study give the group meetings priority.
2. Participation – Everyone is encouraged to participate and no one dominates
3. Respect – Everyone is given the right to his or her own opinion.
4. Reaching – We will stay open to reaching out to invite new people for every meeting.
5. Care and Support – We will support each other with prayers, especially in times of crisis.

### **CLASS EXPECTATIONS**

Attend each class session, come on time, and fully participate in the formative work of the class  
Read the Scripture references prior to class. Pray for classmates and facilitators.

## TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Lesson Title</b>	<b>Reading Assignment</b>
Jan 15	1	Introduction to the Book of Luke	Handout provided
Jan 22	2	Promises of the Birth of Jesus	Luke 1:1 – 25
Jan 29	3	Mary's Song/John's Birth	Luke 1: 26 – 80
Feb 5	4	Unusual Events	Luke 2:1 – 52
Feb 12	5	The Forerunner	Luke 3: 1 – 20
Feb 19	6	Baptism and Genealogy	Luke 3: 21 – 38
Feb 26	7	Ash Wednesday	No Assignment
Mar 4	8	Collaborative Lenten Lunches	No Assignment
Mar 11	9	Collaborative Lenten Lunches	No Assignment
Mar 18	10	Collaborative Lenten Lunches	No Assignment
Mar 25	11	Collaborative Lenten Lunches	No Assignment
Apr 1	12	Collaborative Lenten Lunches	No Assignment
Apr 8	13	Collaborative Lenten Lunches	No Assignment
Apr 15	14	Temptation and Mission	Luke 4: 1 – 44
Apr 22	15	First Disciples/Power to Forgive	Luke 5: 1 – 39
Apr 29	16	Jesus Teaches	Luke 6: 1 – 49
May 6	17	Great Faith/Contradictions	Luke 7: 1 – 50
May 13	18	Teaching and Calming	Luke 8: 1 – 25
May 20	19	Casting Out and Healing	Luke 8: 26 – 50
May 27	20	End of Session Fellowship	No Assignment