



LUKE

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Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

1. In v. 1-10 Luke tells us the story of the soldier who asked Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus was amazed that the soldier perceived Jesus' word as powerful as his presence. He had an expectation that Jesus' word was powerful enough to do what was needed. Alex talked about our expectation of Jesus' word in our lives as a soldier's sword or a surgeon's scalpel. Can you explain what was meant by those two examples? Which of those do you need more active in your life?
2. Throughout these early chapters in Luke we are told stories about Jesus that give a glimpse into what Jesus did so that we can be convinced of who he was - that he really was the Son of God. Can you share a story of something God has done in your life? What did you learn about who God was from seeing him at work in your life in that way?
3. In v. 18-23, Chrissy talked about John's impression about who Jesus was. What kind of impression did you have about Jesus before you became a Christian or perhaps early on in your faith? Can you see any things that you believe about Jesus that seem hard to reconcile with what you experience? What did you think of Jesus' response to John in the midst of circumstances?
4. Luke has taken time to show us two aspects to Jesus' story. We've seen the things Jesus said and did so we can know who he is but we've also seen the various ways that people responded to Jesus. Look at v. 29-30 to see two clear ways some responded. Can you identify moments when you've rejected God's purpose in your life? Can you see some areas where you were able to accept that God's way was right and receive his purpose? What allowed you to do that?
5. Luke closes chapter 7 with the story of the woman who washes Jesus' feet. What was your impression of this story? What was your big takeaway or learning from it?
6. Chrissy pointed out that Jesus addressed the pharisee in such a way as to demonstrate the equality of their need for forgiveness. In what ways do we tend to "rank" sins? What does this story from Jesus teach us about that tendency?