



# LUKE

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

1. If you need the refresher on the story, read v. 1-15. Discuss together the significance of how each of the different types of “soils” receive the word and how that compares to our circumstances today. Do you think it’s possible for a person to be more than one kind of soil? Do you think the soil of someone’s life can change over time?
2. Alex pointed out that the key to the last few chapters of Luke can be summarized in v. 19-21. Looking specifically at v. 21, what do you think is the significance of obedience in our relationship to Jesus?
3. What does the fear of the disciples in v.22-25 say about their faith in Jesus? Is this response surprising to you based on what they have seen and experienced of Jesus? What do you find most compelling about the case Luke is building for who Jesus is? What about Luke’s description of Jesus in these first 8 chapters most builds your faith?
4. Take a look at the story in v. 26-39. Why do you think the people of the town reacted to Jesus the way that they did? Alex pointed out that they responded this way because they had seen Jesus’ power but had not experienced his goodness. There’s a quote from The Chronicles of Narnia that talks about Aslan and it says, “He isn’t safe, but he is good.” This same truth could be said of Jesus. What do you think that means?
5. Chrissy pointed out that throughout Luke 8 you can see various people wrestling between fear and faith (v. 24, 37, 47 and 50). Look at each instance and discuss the connection between fear and faith in each person’s reaction. What does that teach you about the place of fear and faith in your own life?
6. The story of Jairus and his daughter appears not only here in Luke 8 but also in Mark 9. In Mark’s account (Mark 9:23-25), Jesus asks him if he does have the faith to believe. Jairus responds that he does believe but “help my unbelief.” What do you think of that statement? Do you ever feel that way? What can help in those moments?