

LUKE | SESSION 1

BEFORE THE MEETING

To have a great discussion, every member of the group should read Luke 1–9 ahead of time. That may seem like a lot, but don't treat the reading like homework. Consider it an opportunity to spend some time with your heavenly Father. Don't try to sit down and read the nine chapters all at once (and definitely not a couple hours before the group meeting begins). Read a little bit every day. If you do that, it won't seem like a lot to tackle.

Here's a good plan for reading the chapters:

Day 1: Luke 1:1–2:51

Day 3: Luke 4:14–6:16

Day 5: Luke 7:1–9:9

Day 2: Luke 3:1–4:13

Day 4: Luke 6:17–6:49

Day 6: Luke 9:10–9:50

A little background on Luke's gospel may be helpful as well. If you have a study Bible, check out the introduction and notes it provides.

DURING THE MEETING

ICEBREAKERS

1. Name something or someone you would define as "great." Why do you consider it/him/her great?
2. How did your reading of chapters 1–9 go?
3. Did anything stand out? Take some time to discuss.

WATCH THE SESSION 1 VIDEO TOGETHER (LUKE 1–9).

Discussion Questions

1. Did the video help you see Luke's gospel in a new way? If so, how?
2. Did the first nine chapters of Luke challenge some of your assumptions about Jesus? If so, how?
3. The video mentions that Jesus came to turn the world order upside down. Do you think he did that? If so, what are some examples of how he changed the world?
4. Review Luke 4:1–13 (read it aloud as a group if that helps). What do you think this story has to do with Jesus' mission? Why do you think it was important that he faced temptation?
5. The first nine chapters of Luke record many of Jesus' miracles. What are some reasons you think it was important for Jesus to perform miracles? Do you have trouble believing he healed sick people and gave sight to the blind? Why or why not?

6. Review Luke 6:27–36. You may not feel like you have an “enemy,” but who is someone in your life you have trouble getting along with? What can you do this week to love that person? How can this group support you?