



JESUS -
BETTER THAN
YOU THINK

LUKE

studies on

Luke

for dpc growth groups

BIBLE

Read Luke 1:1-4

What do we learn of why Luke is writing about Jesus and how he wrote?

Let's see some of this fulfillment in action:

Read Luke 1:26-28

These verses have a lot of detail in them, as well as a few Old Testament bells ringing. Look up the following references to help see the background.

word	OT background		
Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-2	What was promised for Israel?	
virgin	Isaiah 7:5-14	What was promised for Israel?	
David	2 Samuel 7:11b-13	What was promised to David?	

Read Luke 1:29-33

What do we learn about Jesus in these verses?

There are many many passages in the Old Testament where God makes promises regarding the coming of the Davidic King. Look up these couple of references to get a bit of a feel for it.

Isaiah 9:1-7

Isaiah 11:10-12

How is Jesus better than King David?

Read Luke 1:34-38

How is Mary's response a good model for us? (Compare with Luke 1:18-20)

What helps you to remember to honour Jesus with the respect and awe he deserves?

What does this look like in day to day life? At work? At home? With friends?

Think about it...

How is Luke helping Theophilus be certain about things?

How does the Old Testament help us be confident about Jesus?

Luke wrote his Gospel so that we would know the certainty of Christ. What helps you to continue living confidently for the truth of Christ?

COMMUNITY

One of the roles of a Growth Group is to help us grow in confidence as we follow Jesus. Spend some time sharing what areas of your relationship with God you are confident about and what areas are you questioning. Where would you like to grow in confidence about Jesus or obedience to Jesus?

PRAYER

Pray about these things together.

INTRO

INTRODUCTION.

When you were growing up, were you ever afraid of anything? Why?

What is fear? Why do we fear things?

BIBLE

In this section of Luke we are discovering Jesus authority that shows he is God's king who can bring about rescue/release for his people. And that we should 'fear' him not other things!

Read Luke 8:22-56

What jumps out at you as you read the passage?

Which event do you like the most? Why?

In this passage there are three events. In each event the people fear something... who or what do they fear, and why?

What does this tell us about Jesus?

Why are people afraid of Jesus?

What is the relationship between fear and authority?

Read Luke 24:46-47

Here Jesus speaks about forgiveness (release) from sins. How does this relate to our fear of Jesus or other things?

What fears does Jesus liberate us from and how?

PRAYER

Pick one thing that you might be tempted to fear, that you would like prayer for tonight? (eg your children not knowing Jesus, someone's criticism of you, failure at work, loneliness, a financial problem, a health issue, etc.)

*TIME OUT: Think about this privately before you pray...
What would Jesus say to your fears?*

COMMUNITY

Pick one thing coming up at work or home that you would like others to pray for you this week.

INTRO

What is something that you've learned recently? e.g. a new skill

'disciple' means 'learner'

BIBLE

Read Luke 9:18-27

What jumps out at you (if anything) as you read the passage?

What do we learn about who Jesus is?

What do we learn about what Jesus came to do?

What do we learn about being a disciple of Jesus?

Work through the following questions over the page by yourself. Then come back and as a group and share one answer each (as a prayer points).

As each person shares, after they have finished, let the group have the opportunity to ask them one question.

PRAY

Questions for reflection

1. Learning to deny - Re-read v23-24.

When was the last time you denied yourself something for the sake of Jesus?

What might v23-24 mean for you...

At work?

With your kids/husband/wife/parents?

With the people you live with?

With your friends?

With your hobbies?

2. Learning not to be ashamed - Re-read v26.

Can you remember a recent time when you were ashamed of Jesus or ashamed to put your hand up to be called a Christian or to do what was right?

Why? What were you afraid of?

INTRO

Can you think of someone you looked up to or thought was great when you were young? Why did you look up to them?

BIBLE

Read Luke 9:28-50

What jumps out at you tonight(if anything) as you read the passage?

- What makes Jesus great?

- What does verse 48 mean? What does it mean to be least?

- how would you live out verse 48...

- at work?

(at work we need to perform and do well, that's what we are paid for, the Bible encourages us to work hard, and to work ' as to the Lord'. So does this verse have any implications for you in your workplace at all? What will it mean for you to be great at work?)

- at home?

- at church?

- in what areas of your life are you tempted to be 'great' in a worldly sense of being better than others?

- in what areas of life do you see yourself or others serving humbly?

COMMUNITY

Discuss: How does humility and pride help or hinder relationships in a growth group?

PRAYER

- What is the main thing that you would like the group to pray for you in the light of this passage?