



Good News **for all people.**

The Gospel of Luke

Week 1 Discussion Questions

Week of 8/28/22

Text: Luke 1:1-4, 2:10, and 2:42

Special note about this series:

This first week is a limited and selective look at the first two chapters of Luke's Gospel. Following this week, our intent is to move at a pace of one chapter per week with a pause after Thanksgiving through January. We likely won't cover the entire chapter each week but will zoom in on those verses in each chapter that are especially helpful for the life of our church. These questions will attempt to follow each sermon, but the sermons themselves may vary a bit from campus to campus.

To get the most out of this series, we recommend reading the following week's chapter ahead of each sermon. So, reading chapter 3 this week will help prepare you for next Sunday's sermon.

Icebreaker: Luke is writing this book so a man named Theophilus "may have certainty concerning the things [he has] been taught" (v. 4). Have you ever been less than certain about something you've been taught (in school, church, etc.)? What happened?

1. This is a two-part question: First, what causes people to *lack* certainty about the gospel ("good news") message? Second, what causes people to *grow* in certainty about the gospel?

Application: Can you relate to the experience of either lacking or growing in certainty about the life and ministry of Jesus? How?

2. Why do you think Luke points out that his writing is from the testimony of those who "from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word"?

Application: Would it matter to you if Luke's account was not based on first-hand accounts of Jesus' entire ministry? Why?

3. *Application:* What difference does certainty about Jesus make in our daily lives? How does it impact our outlook, our attitudes, our conversations, and our actions?

4. Luke 2:10 is a well-known declaration that the news of Jesus' birth. What do the angels say about the kind of news they're announcing?

Application: Of these descriptions, does one of them stand out as especially significant to you? If so, which one and why?

5. Application: Luke 2:52 describes Jesus' growth in multiple aspects of life. What is one area of life where you would like to experience growth as we go through this series?

What do you think needs to happen for you to experience this?

Week 1 Final Thought:

We're just getting started in this series but consider spending time in prayer as a group that in the following weeks each of you would grow in "certainty concerning the things you have been taught." That's a prayer the Lord delights to answer.