

2020 New Testament Reading Plan

Living Hope Fellowship, Chico
Directed Study, Week 9
Luke 13–19

Unique

About half of Luke is unique to his gospel. This week, most of what you will read is only found here. It is easier to note the verses that Luke shares with another gospel than those which are different. Only 13:21, 34-35; 17:11; 18:15-43; 19:1, 11-48 are found elsewhere. Nearly all of chapters 13 through the middle of 18 are only here.

1. What might these chapters tell us about Luke's purpose for writing or personal emphasis? Is there anything, anywhere (or anyone!) that Luke takes a special interest in here?

Themes

Remember to be looking out for recurring themes in Luke such as Gentiles, women, the Kingdom of God, parables, and the **Sabbath** (see 13:10-17; 14:1-5; 6:1-11).

2. Are there any other themes you see Luke develop (I'm not looking for something specific)?

Jerusalem

In chapter 9, Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem to accomplish his mission at the cross. This week, you will read of Jesus' final visit to Jerusalem and the beginning of the last week of his life (19:28 and following). See 9:31, 51; 13:22, 33-34; 17:1; 18:31; 19:11, 28.

3. Why might this journey to Jerusalem be so important for Luke to cover in detail?

4. **What route** does Jesus' journey take him through?

Jesus' Adversaries

The adversaries of Jesus and the obstacles they keep throwing in the way do not present Jesus with any difficulty, only opportunities to teach on repentance, mercy, salvation, and discipleship. See 13:6-9 (a parable about them); 15:1-2; 16:14-17; 19:7, 11, 27, 47-48 for example. The greater context of these passages show Jesus' call for sinners to repent and follow him. Some do. Some only get harder of heart.

Repentance

Repentance is key to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. See 13:1-5; 15:3-7, 8-10, 11-32; 16:30; 17:1-4; 19:8.

5. What people/types of people hear Jesus and repents?

Discipleship

Discipleship abounds in this section as Jesus continues to call people to follow him through his teaching and healing ministry. A couple specific examples are 14:25-33 and chapter 18.

6. How does Jesus seek to make disciples in this chapter?

7. Who responds positively to what he teaches?