



Leader

8/10 - Introduction to Luke

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

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2. Let's read our primary text. Who is the author, audience, and what is the purpose of this book?

Author: Luke, a physician and companion of Paul (Colossians 4:14).

Audience: Addressed to *Theophilus*, possibly a real person (likely a Roman official), or symbolically meaning "lover of God." His larger audience was Gentile Christians, especially Greek-speaking.

Purpose: To provide an accurate, orderly account of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ based on eyewitness testimony.

3. Let's recall together, how does the book of Luke differ from the other gospel accounts?

Matthew - Strong focus on prophecy fulfillment, Jewish customs, and the Kingdom of Heaven

Mark - Much more concise and urgent account, emphasizes Jesus' deeds

Luke - Most orderly and detailed account, includes many parables and a focus on outcasts

John (not synoptic) - Mostly theological, unique in structure, emphasizes belief

4. What does this passage tell us about Luke's approach to writing his Gospel?

Luke approaches it like a historian. He carefully investigated all events, consulted eyewitnesses, and structured his writing thoughtfully. This indicates the reliability and seriousness of his account.

5. What does "eyewitnesses and ministers of the word" (v.2) refer to? How do we discover truth in the court of law today?

This refers to the apostles and early disciples who physically saw Jesus' life, miracles, death, and resurrection, and who then preached and passed on these teachings. Still today, in the court of law, it is eyewitness testimony that allow a judge and jury to determine truth.

6. How do these opening verses bolster your confidence in the truthfulness and accuracy of God word?

The Gospel is not myth or legend—it is a record of real events. Luke affirms that the Christian faith is grounded in history, truth, and careful testimony.

Voddie Baucham - "I choose to believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents written down by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They reported supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claimed that their writings are divine rather than human in origin."

7. What do you think is the main idea of this text?

A belief isn't worth having if you can't be certain it is true. Christianity is the only certain and therefore trustworthy faith.

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- Christ-Centered Exposition, Luke - (Anyabwile)
- Multiple AI resources (Chat GPT, Grok)