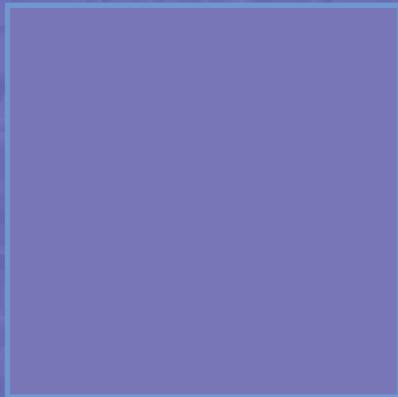


C H A P T E R



1. Please read the Luke 21, at least twice, before starting the study guide. Write one thought that spoke to you, from this chapter.
2. In the previous chapters of Luke, we read about the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, who were trying everything they could think of to trip Jesus up. Have any of their plans been successful?
3. In Luke 20:45-47, Jesus warns the crowd to beware of the "...religious leaders of their day." What was their problem?
4. Luke 21 tells us: From where Jesus was seated, he could easily see what everyone was putting into the temple treasury.
Read Mark 12:41-44, to go along with this section of Luke.
Where was Jesus seated?
5. What did the rich bring that day?
6. What did the widow bring?
7. What did Jesus say about the actions of this woman?
8. The first time I read this story I wondered, "Who is this woman that Jesus would notice her?"
I was filled with questions like, how did she get to this point of utter poverty?
What would motivate her give everything she had?
Where is her extended family? Why aren't they taking her in and caring for her?
Do you ever look at people and want to know their backstory?
9. We know she is a widow. What else can we discern about her?
10. Look up Luke 6:38. Write the verse below.
What did you learn about giving and generosity?
Can you ever out-give God?
Luke 6:38 _____

11. At this point who is this precious widow relying on?

12. We don't know anything else about her, so let's just take a minute to think about her and her love for the Lord. Let's think about the extravagant gift she gave that day. She gave everything she had. How might this story end?

What might have happened to this woman on her way home?

Have you ever been prompted to give with reckless abandon like this widow?

What did you do?

Did God take care of you?

Our pastor, Craig Groeschel often reminds us, "We will lead the way with irrational generosity because we truly believe it is more blessed to give than to receive."

What is God speaking to you about giving today? Your time? Your talents? Your resources?

13. As Jesus and his disciples left the temple that day, some were discussing the magnificent stones of the temple and its beauty. Luke 21:5-6 (You might also want to read Mark 13)
What sad future event did Jesus warn them would happen?

14. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus told them this?

15. The disciples are noticeably shaken by Jesus' warning about the temple. They asked Jesus to tell them what signs to watch for.

Fill in the blanks.

Luke 21:7 (NIV) " _____," they asked, when will these things _____?

And what will be the _____ that they are about to take place?"

16. As they walked along the road, Jesus gives them sign after sign and warning after warning. Do you think they might have been a bit over-whelmed?
Do you think this is how they had things pictured for the future?

17. What was the warning mentioned in Luke 21:8?
What will be the false teaching Jesus is warning them about?

18. Make a list of the things Jesus warned his followers about in Luke 21:8-11.
(Do not become frustrated making sure every letter has an event. Your translation may be worded a bit differently.)

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19. According to Luke 21:12, what did Jesus tell his followers would happen just before all these events mentioned in verses 8-11? What will Jesus followers experience?

20. Trials can be an opportunity for believers. If we honestly believe this statement, the priority should not be to rush to get out of them but use them to give a testimony for Christ.
Think back on the last trial you experienced; how did you use it to testify to God's great love?
Read James 1:2-4 (NIV)

21. We do not bow to accept Christ and stand up fully mature. This is one reason why the Bible speaks of our salvation as being "...born again." Read John 3:3, 7. This new life will take time to grow and mature. We must allow ourselves and others time to grow our walk of faith. Look back see, do you see growth in your spiritual life now that you have the Holy Spirit living in you?
- Do you handle stressful situations differently?
- Are the words you choose to say different?
- Read Galatians 5:22-23, do you see this fruit showing up in your life?
- Galatians 5:25 reminds us, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." This reminds me of a military unit or a band marching in a parade. They must train to walk in step together. It takes practice but it is worth the effort.
- What is one area you can see growth in your walk of faith?
22. In 1 Timothy 6:3-10, the apostle Paul is writing to Timothy, reminding him and all believers, to flee from things that are not good and to follow those things that would draw them into a deeper relationship with God. He mentions fleeing from false teachers, pride, disputes and arguments over minor things, and the spell of riches and greed.
- Read 1 Timothy 6:11, list what believers are to pursue. Take a few minutes to pray and ask God which of these he would like you to focus on this week.
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23. Acts 1:8 (NIV) tells us, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." If you are a child of God, then you have His Spirit living in you. Read Galatians 5:16. Are you living in such a way that it is a good reflection of Christ to the world around you? When faced with a hard choice to respond like Christ or react in the flesh, do you remind yourself of the power and authority you have?
24. I am reminded of the lyrics from the old hymn, Jesus Is Coming Soon, "*Troublesome times are here, filling men's hearts with fear. Freedom we all hold dear now is at stake.*" The answer is found in humbling our hearts to God and allowing him to work as he sees is best. Jesus tells believers you do not need to fear what you will say during times of persecution. What is the promise we are given in Luke 21:14-15?
25. Persecution is always difficult. No one raises their hand to sign up for another round. However, the apostle Paul wrote these words to his precious son in the faith, and they are true for us today. 2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV) "...everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted," Now read Luke 21:16-19, what is the warning and the promise found in these verses?
26. In Luke 21:20-25, Jesus is speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem, the holy city of God. In part, this occurred in AD 70, when the Romans laid siege and burned Jerusalem. This was just a foreshadow of what will one day take place there. Jesus said this is a time of divine punishment. What did Jerusalem do that will bring such utter destruction?

Day Four

27. Luke 21:25 mentions signs in the sun, moon, and stars.
Read Matthew 24:29-31 to see what these signs will be.
28. How will people respond to all that is going on in the world?
Read Luke 21:25-27, list the details you find in these verses.
29. When we see all these things happening, it should give us great hope.
What are believers instructed to be looking for in verses 27-28?
30. Jesus uses an object in nature to help them understand what he is talking about.
What was the example from nature Jesus used in Luke 21:29-30?
Put this parable in your own words.
31. It is imperative we pay attention to which things capture our attention. According to verse 34, what can happen if we are not careful?
Define these actions, dissipation, drunkenness, and anxieties of life.
32. Look at verses from Luke 21 listed below and jot down the specific instructions' believers have been given.
Verse 8 _____ that you are not deceived.
Verse 14 _____ not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.
Verse 19 _____, and you will win life.
Verse 28 _____ and _____ your heads because your redemption is drawing near.
Verse 34 _____ or your hearts will be weighed down...
Verse 36 Be always on the _____ and _____
...that you will be able to _____ before the Son of Man.
33. After answering the previous question, what do you believe Jesus is calling those who would follow him to do? For a bit more clarification, read Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)
34. Jesus consistently did what he had come to do.
According to Luke 21: 37, what did Jesus do every day?
(His location varied, but not his work)

Day Five

35. Where did Jesus reside, in the evening while he was teaching at the temple?
36. Everywhere Jesus went, a crowd gathered. The scripture says they came early because _____.
37. Read Revelation 21:1-3 (NIV) When the former things pass away what will appear?
How are these new things described? "As a _____."
38. What topics did you see in this chapter that spoke to you in a significant way?

39. Be looking for ways to share some of what you have gleaned this week with someone else. How might you make it part of your conversations?

You could say something as simple as “Guess what I saw in Luke 21 that I’ve never noticed before?” Then let the conversation flow from there.
40. Title this chapter with a short sentence. I find it easier to title the chapter if I have first titled the sections.
41. Try to imagine yourself in the disciple’s sandals. They left family and friends to follow Jesus. They have learned from him, watched how he ministered to people, and even done a bit of ministry themselves. Just as it feels like this ministry is about to take off, Jesus begins talking about destruction and leaving.
How do you think they felt?
How might you feel if it was you?
42. Look at the map to become familiar with the places mentioned in Luke 21. What places were mentioned in this chapter?
43. One final assignment:
Please, write a prayer talking to God about what you have learned thus far in our study of Luke. We should be thanking him for His precious word and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Biblical References

Day One

Question 4

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV) Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, *“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”*

Day Three

Question 20

James 1:2-4 (NIV) “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

Question 21

John 3: 3 (NIV) Jesus replied, *“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”*

John 3:7 (NIV) You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Question 22

1 Timothy 6:3-10 (NIV) If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching,⁴ they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions⁵ and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:11 (NIV) But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

Question 23

Galatians 5:16 (NIV) ...walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Day Four

Question 27

Matthew 24:29-31 (NIV) *“Immediately after the distress of those days “ ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ ³⁰ “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.*

Question 33

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

Day Five

Question 37

Revelation 21:1-3 (NIV) Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

