

C H A P T E R



Day One

1. Read Luke 1, or listen to it with the YouVersion Bible app, before beginning to answer the questions.
2. In verses 1-4, what did Luke say was his purpose for writing?
3. Where did Luke get his information?
4. In our judicial system an eyewitness account is considered a powerful piece of evidence, define the term “eyewitness account.”
5. According to 2 Corinthians 13:1, what settles a matter?
6. Luke 1:1-4 NIV
 Many have undertaken to _____ an account of the things that have been _____ among us, 2 just as they were _____ to us by those who from the first were _____ and _____ of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully _____ from the _____, I too decided to write an _____ _____ for you, most excellent _____, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.
7. The person named in verse 3 is Theophilus. The meaning of this name is “*One who loves God.*” Luke may have been writing to a particular person, or perhaps it is a name given to all who desire to know God in a deeper way. Even though I believe it was originally written to a particular person, could this describe you?
8. What facts about Theophilus can be gleaned from verses 3-4?
9. Read verse 5, what is the time setting?
10. We are introduced to three very important characters in verses 5-7; add any facts you glean from the verses.

Herod	Zechariah	Elizabeth

Day Two

11. How was Zechariah chosen on this day to be the priest burning incense in the temple?
12. What unexpected special blessing occurred while Zechariah was at the altar of incense?
13. What was Zechariah’s response to seeing someone suddenly standing beside the altar?

What might his response, and the fact that he is standing before the altar of incense, imply about unexpected visitor?

14. Read Hebrews 1:14 and Luke 2:10.
In one word state the purpose angels are serving in each verse?

Hebrews 1:14 says, *“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”*

Luke 2:10 *But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”*

15. Zechariah receives some very good news that day. What did the angel tell him?
Write all the facts you see in verses 11-17 concerning this promised blessing.

16. Zechariah asked a question of the angel.
What was wrong with his question?

Think back, who was responsible for the lot falling on Zechariah that day?

Think about where he is standing and with whom he is conversing. What did his question show?

17. God is able to do all things, according to his will and his timing. Stop for just a few minutes. What great need would you like to see God meet?

18. Do you believe it is God who has you studying this chapter today?

Is it by coincidence or divine direction? Oh, my precious friend, God is no respecter of persons, He wants you to trust him.

19. Have you ever felt like you have received a clear word from God and yet, you struggled to believe?

20. The angel tells Zechariah his name. What was his name?

21. There are only three angels named specifically in God’s word.

Which angel is named?	What facts do you see concerning each of these angels?
Luke 1:19	
Jude 1:9	
Revelation 12:7	
Isaiah 14:12-15	(King James Version specifically names him in these verses)

22. Zechariah is unable to speak when he came out of the temple that day. Why did this happen?

23. Read Luke 1:25. What was Elizabeth’s response to conceiving a child in her old age?

Day Four

24. In verses 26-33 we see the angel, Gabriel, once again. Where is he this time?
- Who sent Gabriel with a message?
- Who does he meet?
- What news does he bring her?
25. Luke 1:27 tells us Joseph is a descendant of which kingly line?
- According to Luke 1:5 Zacharias was a descendant of which priestly division?
26. We are introduced to Mary here. What did you learn about her?
27. The angel tells Mary she will give birth to a son and will call him _____. This name means “the LORD saves.” Write down everything the angel told Mary about Jesus, in verses 31-35.
28. Mary is, understandably, a bit confused by the angel’s news. What is the obvious problem?
29. Has God ever called you to do something seemingly impossible?

Read these verses below, what can we be sure of?

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

30. The angel addresses Mary’s concern. What did he explain to her about the events to come?

Read Luke 1:38, do you think she understood everything the angel said to her?

Read Romans 12:1, was this the attitude of Mary’s heart?

Romans 12:1 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

31. Gabriel tells Mary her relative, Elizabeth, is expecting a child. Read Luke 1:37, what important truth does Gabriel share with Mary?
32. This is a good place to pause and make a personal application. Has God spoken to your heart or given you a promise through His word?

According to Luke 1:37, what truth can we stand on?

33. In Luke 1:39-45, we see Mary quickly went to see her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Even before these women had talked, what did Elizabeth know?

How did Elizabeth say she knew?

34. After reading Luke 1:46-55, how would you describe the song on Mary's heart?

What is her heart focused on?

35. Does any part of Mary's song sound like the song in your heart today?

Even if you are walking through a very difficult season, my sweet friend, focusing on the goodness, kindness, patience and might of our heavenly Father is not only possible, it is imperative. Go back and read verses 46-55 once again and highlight any phrase that speaks to your heart. This is not merely "pie in the sky" attitude. It is focusing our mind and heart on truth and allowing it to give us strength.

Day Five

36. Luke 1:57-80 tells of the birth of the baby born to Zechariah and Elizabeth. What is the response of their neighbors and friends, to this child of their old age?

37. As was the custom and tradition of the Jews, they took the baby to have him circumcised when he was 8 days old. At this time, he would have been given his name. What did Elizabeth say his name was to be?

38. Remember Zechariah has not been able to speak for several months. Those performing this religious ceremony were unsure this was the name he should be given. What caused them concern?

39. Zechariah, in obedience to God, named the child John. What happened which caused the people to be filled with awe and wonder at this child?

40. In verses 68-79, we read what has come to be known as Zechariah's song. I do not know if he actually sang this song that day or if he simply spoke it. Scripture tells us he was filled with the Holy Spirit and praised the Lord. What did you learn about the Lord in verse 68?

41. Define these words.

- Redemption
- Salvation
- Mercy
- Covenant
- Oath
- Rescue
- Righteousness

42. Although God has infinite power to do as he will, at any moment, he chooses to use us to carry out his plans. Zechariah praised God for his son. What great purpose would John serve, according to Luke 1:76-79

43. What final facts may be gleaned from Luke 1:80, concerning the man, John?

44. Think back on the characters we have seen in this chapter. What character qualities would you like to see more of in your own life?
45. Be watching for an opportunity this week to share something from your study of Luke 1 with someone else.
- It might be in a conversation with a friend encouraging them not to fear or hesitate doing God's will.
 - It might be reminding someone that we are never too old for God's plans and purposes.
 - It might be tucking your child into bed and telling them God has a plan for their life and helping them envision it.

Be ready to share your experience with your small group when you get together.