

# The Gospel According to Luke

## For small group discussion

- How has your personal time with God in prayer and in His Word been this week?
- What is something that God was able to do in your life this week?
- What is something specifically you could use prayer for?
- Who is someone who is missing or new that you can reach out to and invite to class next week? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Last Week Review – “Simeon a man ready to die”**

#### **Text: Luke 2:25-35**

- Last week we learned about a man named Simeon who was promised by God to see the Messiah before his death (Luke 2:25-26). After he saw the baby Jesus he said he was ready to “depart in peace” which means he was ready to die. According to verse 29-30 why do you think he was ready? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What did Paul say he was ready for and why according to the following verses?
  - **2 Timothy 4:6-8 — 6;** *For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7; I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*
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- What are perhaps 3 goals or priorities that you would want to see fulfilled in your life before your life comes to an end?
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- What can you do now to help see these goals/priorities accomplished?

### **Today’s Sermon Text: Luke 2:39-52**

- Take turns sharing one thing that stands out to you in this passage: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- If you were the parents of Jesus, what do you think it may have been like raising him from infancy? What challenges and blessings might there have been?
- What are some questions do you think Jesus may have asked in the Temple?
- What does Jesus’ response to Mary tell you?

**Next Week's Sermon Text: Luke 3:1-22**

- **How would you summarize what God called John to do in this passage?**
- **What kind of message did John preach? Was he bold or timid?**
- **What did John call people to do?**
- **What did Jesus say about John in Luke 7:27-28?**
- **Read Isaiah 40:1-5:** This was written 700 years before John's birth; how does this compare to what you read in Luke 3:1-22?
- **Read Luke 1:5-25**
  - Who are the parents of John the Baptist?
  - Why was his birth so miraculous?
  - What did the angel Gabriel say about John?
  - How did Zacharias respond to the news from the angel in verse 18?
  - How did Elizabeth respond to her pregnancy in v. 24-25?
- **Read Luke 1:57-80**
  - When did Zacharias get his ability to speak back?
  - What did the Holy Spirit lead Zacharias to say about John in verse 67-80?