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**Good News  
from Dr Luke**

**- Part 1 -**



'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.'

- Luke 6:20 -



# Good News from Dr Luke – Part 1

This year we are looking at the Gospel of Luke in three parts and we have decided to call this series 'Front Line: The Good News from Dr Luke'. Now you might be thinking: why Front Line? Well, we have heard this phrase a lot during the pandemic and about the front-line workers. And Luke was someone who worked on the front line of his day. He was a doctor, in fact Paul calls Luke his 'beloved physician' (Colossians 4:14), because he cared for the bodily needs of others.

But apart from being a doctor, Luke was a disciple for Jesus as well. Although he never met Jesus in person, in his Gospel he says that he came to know about Jesus. So how exactly did he come to know about Jesus? By being on the front line, talking to eyewitnesses to the events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. By being amongst the people Luke became a believer, and he wrote his Gospel so that others would come to know and love Jesus.

In his Gospel, Luke helps us to know how concerned Jesus was for the sick, the poor, and anyone in need of help, mercy, and forgiveness. Luke tells us that Jesus came to save all people. Through Luke's Gospel, we learn how compassionate and caring Jesus was.

My hope is that as we journey through Luke this year, we will discover Jesus' compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness for all. May we step out like Luke onto the front line in our communities for the work of the Gospel: the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection so others will come to know and love Jesus.

Every blessing,

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## Week 1 - Good News Rejected

**Warming up:** When is a time you've felt rejected by others? How did it feel and how did you respond?

**Read:** Luke 4:21-30

1. Where is Jesus now? In your own words, describe what Jesus does in this passage.
2. How do the people respond to Jesus initially? Why are they surprised by him?
3. What is Jesus saying to the people in verses 23-27? How is it both prophetic and challenging?
4. Read 1 Kings 17:8-16. Why does Jesus refer to this story?
5. Read 2 Kings 5:1-14. Why does Jesus refer to this story?
6. How do the people respond to Jesus words in verses 28-30? Why do you think they respond this way?
7. How can Jesus' words rub us the wrong way today? Why is the gospel such a challenge for religious people?
8. How should Jesus' words inform the way we think and behave towards our neighbours?
9. How does Jesus respond to the violent rejection of his message? What does this show us about how we should respond to people rejecting the gospel today?

**Rubber hits the road:**

Make a list of things people today might find challenging about the gospel. Think and pray about ways you can clearly and boldly share the gospel with your neighbours, even if it may be rejected.



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## Week 2 - Good News Gathered

**Warming up:** Have you ever done something that went against common logic? Why did you do it? How did it turn out?

**Read: Luke 5:1-11**

1. Up until this point in Luke's gospel, Jesus had been teaching in the various synagogues. In this passage, he is now teaching beside the lake. What might this tell us about Jesus' desire to minister to the people?
2. What does Jesus say to Simon Peter in verse 4?
3. How does Simon respond to Jesus in verse 5? Why do you think Simon listened to Jesus?
4. Why would Simon's response have seemed crazy and gone against good logic?
5. What is the result of Simon's obedience despite his doubts and tiredness? (verses 6-7)
6. How did the men react to this miracle? (verse 9)
7. Who else was with Simon pulling the fish into the boat? (verses 9-10)
8. Why do you think this great catch of fish made Simon kneel, confess that he is a sinner, and address Jesus as Lord?
9. What is significant about what Jesus says to Simon in verse 10?
10. What is significant about the men's response to Jesus in verse 11?

**Rubber hits the road:**

How does Peter, James and John's willingness to give up everything and follow Jesus challenge the way you walk with Jesus this week?





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## Week 3 - Good News Shared

**Warming up:** What is the best advice you have ever been given? Why?

**Read:** Luke 6:17-26

1. Who is in attendance in this passage?
2. Beside teaching the people, what else was Jesus doing?
3. Who does Jesus directly speak to from verse 20 onwards?
4. List all the groups of people who are 'blessed' now, and note what promise is being made to them (verses 20-22)
5. What reason does Jesus give for rejoicing in verse 23?
6. In what ways in this passage like Matthew 5:1-12?
7. In what ways in this passage different to Matthew 5:1-12?
8. Who does Jesus warn in verses 24-26? Why does Jesus warn them?
9. How is this list opposite to what people might expect a 'blessed life' to be like?
10. What else stands out to you in this passage?

**Rubber hits the road:**

How does this challenge the way you see God working in the hard and difficult times of your life?



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## Week 4 - Good News Measured

**Warming up:** How do you measure success in life? What matter to the people around you? What matters to you?

**Read: Luke 6:27-38**

1. In Luke 6, Jesus gathers his disciples and teaches them about the Kingdom of God. What are some key teachings for you in this passage?
2. The golden rule is taught in many religions and worldviews. It basically states that you should treat others how you wish to be treated. How do Jesus' words in verses 27-31 compare with the golden rule?
3. What is mercy? What does Jesus teach about mercy in this passage?
4. Is Jesus teaching his followers to be doormats to those who treat them wrongly?
5. What is our motivation for showing mercy to others?
6. What is Jesus saying about judgmentalism in verse 37? Are we meant to judge others, or are we meant to avoid this?
7. What does verse 38 teach us about generosity towards others?
8. What parts of this passage challenge you? What parts of this passage encourage you?
9. Write down five things a follower of Jesus ought to be, according to this passage.

**Rubber hits the road:**

Look for ways to extend the mercy God has shown you towards others this week. It may be in praying for someone who has hurt you, being kind to a neighbour who doesn't show you kindness, or by reaching out to a family member with an encouraging text message or email.



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## Week 5 - Good News Glorified

**Warming up:** Have you ever had a 'mountaintop' experience?

**Read: Luke 9:28-36**

1. This passage begins by saying, 'Eight days after this...' What is this story following on from? (Luke 9:21-28)
2. Who is with Jesus? Where do they go in verse 28?
3. What was Jesus doing when he was transfigured? Why is this significant?
4. In verse 30, which two men came and joined Jesus on the mountain?
5. Why do you think Moses and Elijah joined Jesus and not someone else? What do you think they represent?
6. Why do you think they were talking about Jesus' departure?
7. What is so significant about what happens in verses 34-36?

**Read: Luke 9:37-43**

8. What happens when Jesus, James, John, and Peter come down from the mountain?
9. Why do you think Jesus responded in the way that he did in verse 41?
10. What do verses 42-43 tell us about Jesus?

**Rubber hits the road:**

Knowing that one day you will see Jesus in all his glory – just like the disciples did on the mountain – how does it shape the way you live (especially as we enter the season of Lent)?





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