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**Good News from Dr Luke  
Part 2**



“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”

- Luke 9:23–25 -



# Good News from Dr Luke – Part 2

The rise in the popularity of hour-long podcasts and ‘deep-dive’ investigations is a reminder that details matter. We live in a world of sound bites and 10 second videos, but sometimes skipping over the details can find us throwing out the baby with the bath water. Chapters 9 and 10 of Luke are a pivot point in the gospel and the details of this section matter if we’re going to understand Jesus fully.

That’s why it’s a joy to continue ‘Front Line: Good News from Dr. Luke’ (Part 2), a deep-dive into practically every verse of this incredible part of Luke (except the transfiguration which we’ll look at in August). Over the next six weeks, we’ll see that Jesus is sent to heal, to feed, and to guide us. Then, as we enter chapter 10, we’ll see Jesus begin to set his sights on Jerusalem where he will die and rise again. Jesus has been sent to build up a people, help us to love our neighbours as ourselves, and sometimes he just calls us to sit at his feet like Martha, and bask in his glory.

By taking time to cover these two vital chapters, we hope you’ll gain a fuller appreciation of why Jesus is such good news for us all. Jesus doesn’t want us to live shallow and superficial lives, or to get bogged down in the small stuff. Instead, he wants us to experience the fullness and depth of life found in him.

In Ephesians 3 Paul writes:

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

(Ephesians 3:18-19)

Sometimes we need to make time and dig deep into God. Sometimes we need to put our Bible reading in slow motion and turn down the noise in our lives to hear what God is saying to us. May this deep-dive study from Dr Luke, be a blessing to you as you walk with Jesus.

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## Week 1 - Sent to Heal

**Warming up:** Have you ever witnessed a miraculous healing? If yes, how did it happen? If no, do you think healings like this are possible?

**Read: Luke 9:1-9**

1. In vv.1-6, what does Jesus do for his disciples? How do they go about their work?
2. What sort of impact would this ministry have had on the community to which Jesus' disciples were sent?
3. Why do you think Jesus wanted his disciples to travel without money, relying on the charity and hospitality of others?
4. Can you see the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit working together in this passage? (See also John 20:22)
5. How do you see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working to bring healing in our world today?
6. Why was Herod so perturbed by Jesus? How did he respond to him?
7. What sort of spirit was Herod operating by? Why was it hard for him to appreciate the world of the Holy Spirit?
8. These two accounts show differing responses to the ministry of Jesus (the disciples vs. Herod). How do you see these same reactions to Jesus in the world today?

**Rubber hits the road:**

Imagine Jesus was sending you (or even your group) out this week on a mission, like he did with the disciples. How could you ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you for this mission and what do you think God might be calling you to do?



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## Week 2 - Sent to Feed

**Warming up:** Where do you look for satisfaction? Does this sustain you or is it a quick fix?

**Read:** Luke 9:10-27

1. What do you find most challenging in these verses?
2. In the feeding of the 5000, what do we learn about where we should find our satisfaction that sustains us?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' command: "You give them something to eat"?
4. When it comes to proclaiming and showing God's kingdom, do you need to rely on Jesus for what you are doing, or do you need to remember that Jesus gives you what you need, so that you start doing?
5. In v.23, we read "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." What do you think this means and how is that done?
6. What is your cross? Do you take it up daily?
7. What do you think might happen to those who find themselves ashamed upon Christ's return (v.26)? Does this mean they would not be saved?
8. How does this passage help us to show others who Jesus is?

**Rubber hits the road:**

If a disciple must take up their cross daily, perhaps we should see embedded in this a call to daily self-examination. Spend some time answering the following questions:

- What am I living for? How long will those things last?
- What am I hoping to gain by my actions today?
- What would it mean to lose my life today to save it in the end?





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Week 3 - Sent to Follow

**Warming up:** Do you find it easy or hard to follow the teachings of Jesus?

**Read:** Luke 9:51-62

1. In v.51, why do you think Luke adds the comment that Jesus was about to be taken to heaven?
2. Why did the Samaritans not welcome Jesus?
3. What made James and John upset?
4. Why did Jesus rebuke James and John? How might Jesus have wanted them to respond to the Samaritans?
5. In v.57, a man wants to follow Jesus. Why do you think Jesus answers him in the way that he does?
6. Do you think that Jesus' warning in v.58 should still be something we need to consider? Why? Why not?
7. Jesus just warned a man that following him would be difficult. Now Jesus invites two men to follow him – but they both have excuses. Why do you think Jesus responds to these two men in this way? What is Jesus trying to explain?
8. Have you ever had, or do you have, reasons for not following Jesus with all your life?

**Rubber hits the road:**

What do you find hardest about following Jesus? Take some time this week to consider how you can engage with this difficulty and walk with Jesus through it.



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## Week 4 - Sent to Build

**Warming up:** What do you value more in life: teamwork or independence? Why?

**Read:** Luke 10:1-24

1. Why does Jesus gather up and send out disciples? Why is this passage familiar (hint: see Luke 9:1-9) and how is it different to the first sending story?
2. What message and actions are the disciples to take to these towns?
3. How does Jesus encourage the disciples to respond to towns that reject them?
4. What does Jesus have to say about Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum? Why does he mourn for these places?
5. What happens when the 72 return? How does Jesus respond to their testimony?
6. What is Jesus praying about in vv.21-22? Why does his disciples' return bring joy?
7. How are we called to a similar mission today?
8. What do you find challenging in this passage? What do you find encouraging?

**Rubber hits the road:**

The disciples had the privilege of seeing many prophecies fulfilled through their ministry. What privileges do we enjoy as disciples today? How can we draw on these privileges and the relationship we have with the Holy Spirit to spur us in our mission?



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## Week 5 - Sent to Help

**Warming up:** Describe the most interesting neighbour you've ever had. What is the funniest thing you have ever witnessed in your neighbourhood?

**Read:** Luke 10:25-37

1. What stood out to you in this passage?
2. Who do you identify with in this story and why?
3. What do you think it means to love your neighbour as yourself?
4. What did the lawyer desire when he asked Jesus "who is my neighbour", and how did Jesus answer him?
5. How does the parable answer the question "who is my neighbour"? (Note - Jews considered Samaritans a people you should have nothing to do with)
6. As you read the parable with yourself in the role of a passer-by, how are you challenged?
7. What would be modern day examples of groups that hate each other like the Jews and the Samaritans? What groups do you personally tend to be contentious towards and why?
8. Why is it important for us to be willing to help others no matter who they are?

**Rubber hits the road:**

This week (and every week), how can you obey Jesus' command to "go and do likewise" showing mercy to all?



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Week 6 - Sent to Sit

**Warming up:** Do you ever find yourself so busy that you struggle to spend time with Jesus?

**Read: Luke 10:38-42**

1. What did we learn last week from the good Samaritan? What does Jesus expect of us?
2. Whose house does Jesus enter?
3. What is Mary's relationship to Martha?
4. What is Martha's complaint?
5. How does Jesus respond? What is Jesus wanting Martha to understand?
6. It's no coincidence that last week and this week's stories follow on from one another. What are we to understand by putting the stories of the good Samaritan, and Martha and Mary together?

**Read: John 17**

8. Jesus prays that we may be one with him, just as he is one with the Father. How are last week and this week's stories practical examples of Jesus' desire?

**Rubber hits the road:**

We see that Jesus was always staying close to the Father in prayer, as well as doing good to those around him. This week, how can we prioritise both these things as ways of loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbour as ourselves?







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