

Week #1

Video



1 Who is Luke? What makes his Gospel unique?

2. Getting Creative?

The way the Bible Project draws out the Birth of John the Baptist and Jesus wonderfully displays the themes, significance, and parallels running through the very well-rehearsed Christmas narrative.

As a table, use this drawing to inspire ideas to use in: Christmas Eve or Day worship, the Children's Christmas Worship, or Advent midweek services.



3-9a JESUS & HIS MISSION

3. What Does the Launch of the Mission in the Gospel of Luke Tell Us About Our Mission?

A. Read Luke 4:14-30

⇒ Context: What happened just before this?

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⇒ Intertextuality: How does this Narrative from Nazareth connect with those 2 previous passages?

B. The Bible Project's Summary



⇒ How does this graphic description help you understand the significance of what Jesus says and does as He launches His ministry?

C. Our Mission

⇒ What does this tell us about our Mission—given to us as a Church?

4. Jesus Enacts the Kingdom He's Announced

Using the summary of “An Upside-Down Kingdom,” identify how these words of Jesus relate to the list of God’s love-values.

The verses point you to the words of Jesus, but you may need to use the context in order to identify the God’s love-values.

Depending on time, each table will be asked to choose about 5 passages to study.



MANIFESTO OF AN UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

GOD’S LOVE=REVERSAL OF OUR VALUE SYSTEMS
RADICAL GENEROSITY, SERVANT LEADERSHIP,
PEACEMAKING, FORGIVENESS, DEEP PIETY
THAT REJECTS RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

a. 4:43

i. 6:27-28

b. 5:10

j. 6:30

c. 5:13

k. 6:37

d. 5:31-32

l. 6:43

e. 6:5

m. 6:46

f. 6:9

n. 7:22

g. 6:20

o. 8:21

h. 6:26

p. 8:39



AT HOME: Choose one of these verses to memorize this week along with remembering the “God’s-love value(s)” that it displays.

4:43

"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."

5:10

"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

5:13

"I will; be clean."

5:31-32

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

6:5

"The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

6:9

"I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?"

6:20

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

6:26

"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."

6:27-28

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."

6:30

Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back."

6:37

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven..."

6:43

"For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit,..."

6:46

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

7:22

"Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them."

8:21

"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

8:39

³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."