



Sermon Discussion Guide

The certainty of the things you've been taught

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Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- What's your favorite biography book or movie? What do you love about it?
- What is your earliest memory of the stories about Jesus?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- READ Luke 1:1 - 4 and Luke 3:1 - 2
- What genre or type of writing does it seem like this is? What is the significance of that?
 - What expectations should we have because of the genre or type of writing this book is?
- What "other accounts" might the author be referring to?
- What do we know about the recipient of this book?
- What can we say about when the events of this book took place?
- What can we say about when this book was written?
- What is the author trying to accomplish? What is the author's goal?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- - What is the significance for followers of Jesus today that a historical biography about Jesus was written 2000 years ago?
 - What does that say about God? How God has acted in the past? How God is at work today? How God interacts with humans in history?



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- What does that say about how God communicates to us? What does it say about how we should think about Scripture?
- What does this tell us about our need?
 - What is this providing in response to human need?
- What does this tell us about what is meant to faithfully follow God?
 - Is there an attitude to be adopted?
 - Is there a model to follow?
 - Is there a truth to believe?
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Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- How do you want to engage with the book of Luke over the coming 6 months?
 - How do you want to engage with Luke and this series as a group?
- What is God saying to you personally about his trustworthiness? About the truth of his actions in history?
 - How do you feel challenged and invited to respond?
 - Do you feel called to more carefully investigate?
 - Do you feel called to trust with greater certainty?
 - Do you feel called to share Jesus with others as the author of this book did?
- Pray for one another about the ways you feel called to respond to God.

Time of Prayer