

# Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

## SSBC Luke Bible Study #36

*Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.*

Passage: Luke 10:21-24

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### Introduction:

After the turning point of Luke 9:52 where Jesus begins his journey toward Jerusalem, we now see Jesus focusing much of his attention on training his twelve disciples. It was an intimate time when the disciples were often seen asking Jesus questions and enjoying lots of “quality time” with the Lord (is there any other kind?).

This week's passage is a slice from that interaction – with Jesus praying in front of his many followers, and then sharing a few comments with his inner circle of twelve disciples.

Wouldn't you like to be in the Lord's inner circle? Well, prayer and Bible study are times when you can do just that. So in this week's study you'll get a chance to ask the Lord some questions, hear his perspective, and get to know him better.

**Prayer:** As always, take time to pray before you begin this study. Is there a question or a concern that's been on your heart a lot lately? If so, talk to God about it, asking him to use this study time to help you grow in that area.

*This bible study was developed by South Shore Baptist Church in conjunction with our weekly sermon series. To hear a sermon on the same scripture passage covered in this bible study, come to one of our Sunday worship services (8:30am or 11:00am) on the date listed on page 1. Or after that date you can hear it by logging on to [www.southshorebaptist.com/sermons/](http://www.southshorebaptist.com/sermons/)*

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Where do you typically go for answers to bible-related questions?  
Here are some steps to try (in the sequence listed):

- i. **Pray**  
Isn't it the natural thing to do to first ask the one who absolutely knows the answer? He'll guide you toward the truth every time.
- ii. **Cross Reference**  
Scripture interprets scripture, so we can look to other biblical passages to help us answer our questions. Use a concordance or study bible to help you find related passages.
- iii. **Collaborate** – Let others help you find answers:  
Your small group, family members, or other Christian peers.  
Your pastors & elders.  
Study bibles, systematic theologies, bible commentaries, bible encyclopedias (eg. [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org)), etc.  
Other sources you have come to trust.
- iv. **Pray**  
Whatever we've heard or learned, check back with God about it, regarding both the accuracy of our interpretations as well as how He would have us apply what we've learned.

3. Now it's time to work on answering your questions. Select a few of the questions that you came up with that you find most interesting or important, and write one question in the top row of each of the Q&A boxes on the next two pages. Here's a sample:

**Question:**

*What caused Jesus to be so full of joy at this point?*

**Answers/Notes/Ideas:**

1. *Looking back, he had just seen the disciples return "with joy", and encouraged them to rejoice about their salvation.*
2. *The Holy Spirit was somehow fueling Jesus' joy.*
3. *His words to them (10:21-24) paint a picture of joyful things such as Jesus knowing God and men knowing God by Jesus revealing God to them.*

**Application:**

*I have so much to be joyful about. I need to pray, as Jesus did in 10:21, with more of a joyful orientation and more focus on the many joy-producing things I see God doing.*

[Start with a few easy questions you're comfortable trying to answer]

**Question:** *(Write one of your questions from page 3 here)*

**Answers/Notes/Ideas:** *(Try some of the steps listed on page 4)*

**Application:** *(How does what I've learned here apply to my life?)*

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**Answers/Notes/Ideas:**

**Application:**

[Now try a few of the harder questions you asked on page 3.]

**Question:** *(Write one of your questions from page 3 here)*

**Answers/Notes/Ideas:**

**Application:** *How should I apply what I've learned here?*

*Note that even if you can't answer these questions to your satisfaction, you can still make application. (e.g. I don't know \_\_\_\_, therefore I should \_\_\_\_.)*

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**Answers/Notes/Ideas:**

**Application:** *How should I apply what I've learned here?*

### **Work Together**

Meet with your small group bible study team (or another Christian if you're not in such a group). Share your questions with one another and work together to find additional answers & perspectives. Use this space to record other peoples' questions, their answers to your questions, etc.

**Now Let Jesus Ask You Some Questions:**

4. Go back to that scene described in question 2 where you are sitting down with Jesus over coffee. Imagine Jesus now turns to you and asks you a few questions. How would you reply?

a. Imagine Jesus Asks: "What was the most significant thing you heard me say in Luke 10:21-24?"

b. Imagine Jesus Asks: "What will you do this week to apply the truths I have shown you?"

c. Imagine Jesus Asks: "Do you know me? How will you get to know me better this week?"