

Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

SSBC Luke Bible Study #99

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 24:44-49

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Commissioned!

I am heading into a difficult family situation this week, and it's becoming clearer each day that the only hope for some of the family members involved is that they would hear God's Word and come face-to-face with the powerful gospel message. Here's the key question: "Will I have the courage to share it with them?"

In another part of my life, the Lord has steered my monthly conversations with my barber toward spiritual matters, and I've discovered that he reads the Bible and has a lot to say about it. But I've also discovered that he does not understand the core message of the Bible he reads. And so I again hear that key question: "Will I have the courage to tell him the truth?"

The One who is asking me these questions is the same Lord that met with various disciples in Luke 24, clarifying the truth for them, and challenging them to be witnesses of this truth. As you listen to this challenge in this week's study passage, take it to heart. For the Lord is indeed asking you to be witnesses as well. Indeed, he is commissioning each of his children to go and make disciples. Will you have the courage to do it?

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1. Read this week's Bible passage and use the chart below to note your observations and any questions you have.

Scripture	Your Observations & Questions
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 24:44-49</p> <p>⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."</p> <p>⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."</p>	

2. Now read these related passages, and consider how they amplify and correlate with Luke 24:44-49.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15-16)

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (Jn 20:21-23)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:1-8)

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. (1 Cor 15:1-8)

3. Next, use this chart to **interpret some key observations**.

a. Select a few of your observations & questions from pages 2-3 that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and interpret and apply them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

Observation What does it say?	Interpretation What does it mean?

4. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- **S**ins to avoid
- **P**romises to believe
- **E**xamples to follow (remember "SPECK")
- **C**ommands to obey
- **K**nowledge to share

Don't just write things to write them – listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

Application How do I apply what it means?

Dig Deeper:

5. Start by tracing through some OT Scriptures that relate to what Jesus said had been written about. Read Psalm 16:10, 22:1-2, 14-18, Isa 2:3, 52:13-15, Joel 2:28, 2:32, 3:16. What connections do you notice?

6. Based on Luke 24:46-49, summarize the basic things that Jesus said were predicted in the Scriptures.

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v. 47

v. 49a

7. Which of the above have proven to be accurate predictions? What does that tell you about the power and reliability of God's Word?

8. What is the main point of Luke 24:44-49?

9. How do the other passages you read on pages 2-3 relate to this main point? How do they reinforce or clarify it?

10. Re-read 1 Cor 15:1-8 (it's on page 3 in this study). What is the gospel message? Write it out below.

For help with this, look along the Romans Road –

Rom 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 10:13, and 10:17.

You might also listen to Pastor Jeramie's sermon from April 24, 2005, accessible at www.sermonhouse.com/SSBC/2005/)

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)

11. How could you get more ready to share the gospel? What specific steps could you take? ... Will you do this?

12. Who in your life could you share the gospel with? ... Will you share it with them?

Take time now to ask God to help you to take the ideas and intentions you listed above and, by His Spirit, to guide you to fruitfully and boldly take action toward carrying out the Great Commission God gave you.

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

Mark 16:15

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Luke 10:2

And I said, “Here am I. Send me.”

Isaiah 6:8b