

# ALL IN

Going Deeper  
A Study in Luke & Acts

Jesus Establishes His Ministry  
Jesus Ministers to Hurting People  
Jesus Journeys to Jerusalem and the Cross  
The Church Reaching Jerusalem

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## *Luke-Acts*

There is nothing quite as powerful as studying the life of Jesus. My hope is that we slow down and take the time to watch, listen, and experience Jesus interacting with hurting people, walking with the Father, and changing the world through his love, compassion, and power.



Everyone who interacts with Jesus is changed! This study is designed for us to engage in that life changing interaction. Jesus establishes his disciples and puts them on mission. We are asking Jesus to do the same in and through us. May we fall more in love with Him, worship Him, and follow His lead.

Please enjoy your time in God's Word with the Savior. Your pastors serve you with excitement and joy. We can't wait to experience how God will continue to use His Word to shape and grow us all.

For the love of the Savior and the fulfillment of His mission,

*Mike Graham*

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*Pastor of Group Life*

# The Design and Intention of this Study

The study guide that has been prepared is not a verse by verse study of Luke. Luke is the largest New Testament book and such a study could be quite overwhelming to develop or use. The intention of this study guide is to help the reader stop, watch, and learn from Jesus in the book of Luke. The study guide will focus on aspects of Jesus' life, ministry, and teaching. Quite a bit of Luke will be addressed, but not every difficult verse and concept will be explained and taught. The focus will continually be Jesus and his purpose as taught in the book of Luke. Time will be spent studying how Jesus established his disciples, ministered to the hurting, set his face to the cross, and the birth of the church.

This study, like every study of Scripture, should be bathed in prayer – asking God to teach and move in your heart. God's Word, at work in our life through the work of the Holy Spirit, is God's primary way of spiritually growing his children. Studying God's Word is not merely academic – it should always be pursued as a spiritual endeavor influencing our hearts, minds, and actions!

## Basic Outline *(Sermon Series Dates)*

### **Living Like Jesus - *Jesus Establishes His Ministry (Jan 7 – 28)***

- Birth & Childhood of Jesus
- Jesus Prepares and Begins His Ministry
- Jesus Trains, Teaches, & Prepares His Disciples
- Jesus Teaches the Crowds

### **Loving Like Jesus - *Jesus Ministers to Hurting People (Feb 4 – Mar 18)***

- Jesus Confronts and Loves the Legalist
- Jesus Ministers to the Hurting and the Outcast
- Jesus Heals the Sick and Broken
- Jesus Works Great Miracles
- Jesus' Prayer Life

### **All-in Like Jesus - *Jesus Journeys to Jerusalem and the Cross (Mar 25 – Apr 8)***

- Jesus Heads to Jerusalem
- Death and Resurrection of Christ

### **An All-in Church - *The Church Reaching Jerusalem (Apr 15 – May 27)***

- The Birth and Growth of the Church 1-2
- The Church Faces Opposition 3-5
- Expansion through Persecution 6-8

# How to Use this Study

**For the Individual:** Simply read the passage listed and answer the questions given about each passage. As you answer the questions, you may want to highlight favorite verse, mark key words, read the sections that were not preached, or keep a journal of your additional thoughts, meditations, and prayers. When a verse really sticks out to you, you may want to write it on a card and put it somewhere where you will consistently see the card until you have the verse memorized.

**For Groups:** Groups can use this as a resource. It is designed so that groups can go deeper with the passages preached or pick supporting texts to study. **Group leaders** can use the questions given or add their own along the way. The church will be in Luke-Acts for several months, pick the sections you want to study, let your group know so they can study it ahead of time, and then discuss and enjoy.

**Introduction Material:** It is encouraged that you take the time to look through the introduction material provided in the study guide. The background information is extremely important to correctly understanding Luke's purpose and themes.

**Book Chart:** A book chart is provided. The book chart gives an organized picture of the content of the book of Luke. From this chart, certain observations can be easily made. Most of the parables recorded are recorded on the way to Jerusalem. Jesus' ministry is divided up into three time periods based upon his location. The blue text on the book chart represents which events and teachings of Jesus are original to the Lucan Gospel. Almost the entire middle portion of Luke is original. Take the time to make additional observations.