

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of October 10-16, 2021  
“LUKE: THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN”  
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## GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Is there a person that you miss a lot, most especially as a result of the pandemic? Who is that person and why do you miss that person?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Colossians 4:7-18. How many names does Paul mention in these verses? How many of these names are you familiar with? Imagine for a moment Paul's general feelings as he writes down these names (remember he is in chains, v.8). What do you think would he be thinking of? Who are the three persons that Paul describes as “beloved” (v.4,7,14). (Note NIV translates it as “dear.”)
2. Think for a moment of a time in the past when you were down in the dumps and someone encouraged you. How did that affect you? What are some typical situations or stressors that drains you? Does encouragement come naturally to you? Why or why not?
3. Read 2 Timothy 4:11,16. What one word pops up on your mind when you read these words from Paul about Luke? What role do you think Luke would play during these last days of Paul?
4. Read Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1-2. From these verses, what reasons do you think Luke had for writing these accounts to Theophilus? What convinced him to go through such lengths to write these detailed accounts? What might Theophilus have hoped to gain through Luke's research? How would Theophilus know that what he was about to read is reliable?
5. In Philemon 1:24, Paul calls Luke a “fellow worker.” What do you think qualified a person to be “fellow worker” as far as Paul was concerned? What do you think were the challenges? (see also Rom 16:3,9,21; 1 Co 16:16; 2 Co 8:23; Phil 2:25,4:3; Col 4:11; Philemon 1:1,24).

6. In reading all of those passages that pertained to Luke, how have your perspective of this man changed? What one takeaway about his life impacts you the most? Why?
7. (Optional) What one area of growth do you need to develop based on what you learned about Luke?

## 8. NEXT STEPS

*Never mistake visibility for value.*

- ☐ I will be committed in God's call, whether visible or unseen.
- ☐ I will seek to do excellent work for God.
- ☐ I will seek to grow in genuine compassion and love for others.

*Don't forget to:*

- ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- ☐ Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

## CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that you grow in your commitment, competence and compassion.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

## BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

October 11    Philippians 3  
October 12    Nehemiah 5  
October 13    Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-3.  
October 14    Colossians 3:18-23  
October 15    Isaiah 49:13-18  
October 16    Mark 1:21-38  
October 17    1 Corinthians 12:14-30