



Luke



Reading the Bible Together November 2014

What is 'In Sync' Bible Reading?

'In Sync' encourages us to read the same Bible book through a month, and then reflect together on what we have read from God's Word. We consider the main message and the key themes of a whole book of the Bible, and then we can share with others what we have learnt through our Bible reading.

'I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.' (Psalm 119:16)

Questions to consider

Reading the Bible does not have to be an intellectual study. Anyone can read the Bible and by God's grace understand it. The main thing is that we pray for God's help as we read.

Here are some questions to help you think through what you are reading:

1. What have I learnt about God and about Jesus?
2. What does this teach me about humanity and myself?
3. What has most encouraged me from this book?
4. How does this teach me to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul and mind? (Matt 22:37-40)
5. How does this teach me to love my neighbour as myself? (Matt 22:37-40)
6. Is there anything else I should learn here to be 'equipped for every good work' (2 Tim 3:17)

Luke : What can we expect?

The author of this book, Luke, was a doctor and a companion of the apostle Paul. He is described as Paul's 'dear friend Luke' (Col 4:14).

Luke tells us why he is writing at the beginning of the book. Writing to a man called Theophilus he says 'I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.'

Luke has therefore carefully investigated the events of Jesus' life and compiled this book to build up our confidence in the truth of His life, death and resurrection. This is an objective that believers have benefited from for centuries, with many noting the excellence of Luke's record as a historical account.

Luke provides us with a straightforward and detailed account of Jesus life, with a particular focus on his parables and latter teaching. Commentators have also identified the prominence of characteristics such as the role of women, emphasis on prayer, interest in the poor and the recognition of non-Jews in God's plan. Luke shows that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus impacts all people.

How to read?

Luke has 24 chapters, so could easily be completed by reading a chapter a day for a month. However, if you haven't yet tried reading a book in just one or two longer sittings then why not give it a go with this readable book from Luke?

If you would like to memorise some passages from Luke why not consider the following suggestions:

- Luke 4:29-32
- Luke 6:20-23
- Luke 12:22-34
- Luke 23:44-49
- Luke 24:36-49

In-Sync for December : Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians