

Weekly Study Guide

The Week of December 1, 2013

Daily Readings

Monday	Luke Chapter 2	Tuesday	Luke Chapter 3	Wednesday	Luke Chapter 4
Thursday	Luke Chapter 5	Friday	Luke Chapter 6	Saturday	Luke Chapter 7

My notes on this week's readings...

Group Discussion

Connect	<p>Has there ever been a time in your life when you didn't have peace about something, and that lack of peace led you to want to make a change in your life for the better?</p>
Learn	<p>Read Luke 1:1-4. What helps you to be certain about things you've heard? How do you know that something is trustworthy?</p> <p>In the book of Luke, we are given clues from many different people to help us to receive Jesus as the Savior he came to be for us!</p> <p>Read Luke 1:28-33. What does the Angel tell Mary to expect about this child? What do you think those promises meant to Mary?</p> <p>Read Luke 1:46-55. This is Mary's reaction to the promise of the Savior!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you think of ways that Jesus has accomplished these things?• How do we participate in this work of Jesus' kingdom? Why do we participate in these kingdom things? <p>Read Luke 2:10-14. What do the angels proclaim about this birth?</p> <p>Lack of peace led the magi to seek Jesus, and led many even later to John the Baptist to be baptized for repentance. They were being made ready to receive the one who came to save! Has lack of peace ever been used as a tool to help you seek the prince of peace?</p> <p>Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit prophesied that his son, John the Baptist, would prepare the way for the people to receive the Savior. Read Luke 1:76-79.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What things was he expecting the Savior to accomplish?• How does Jesus do these things? <p>Simeon and Anna had some things to say about Jesus as well. Read Luke 2:30-38.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In what ways does Jesus bring peace? In what ways does his presence challenge?• How do you think God intends that challenge for our good?
Apply	<p>Jesus came to be the savior not just of the world, but of you, and me! In order to bring us salvation and new life with God, we need to be open to receiving those things from him! Only when we know we need him, are we open to what he will give! Do you know your need for God's presence and grace? Confess it to him today, and ask him to lead!</p>
Pray	<p>Pray for those you know who are far from God, that they would experience the longing of their heart that only Jesus can fill! Ask God to show you your own longings, and how Jesus brings peace in the midst of those longings.</p>