

**COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE****Filled with Awe**

LUKE 5:1-26

**OVERVIEW**

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

**APPLY // LUKE 4:14-44**

1. Read Luke 4:14-44.
2. Using this passage, why do people reject Jesus as the authoritative King? How are we tempted to do the same?
3. How does the word of Christ set us free?

**STUDY // LUKE 5:1-26**

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

**Overview:** Jesus, in his holy glory and gracious power, reveals our sin, makes us clean, and forgives our sin.

1. Read Luke 5:1-11
  - a. In verse 1, what is Jesus doing? How does this connect back to what we saw in chapter 4?
  - b. Describe the general scene in verses 1-3.
  - c. In verse 4, how does the scene change? Consider what Jesus says to him in verse 4. What difficulties would an experienced fisherman have with this suggestion?
  - d. What do you notice in Simon's response in verse 5? What feelings and conflicts is Peter expressing?
  - e. What is Simon's reaction in verse 8? Is this what you would expect?
  - f. Look at verses 6-7. What words and phrases in these verses indicate the size of the catch? Why is the size of the catch significant?
  - g. From his reaction, what does Peter perceive about Jesus? What does he perceive about himself? Why do you think he says he is a sinful man?

- h. How does Jesus respond to Peter in verse 10? What do his words mean? Why might they be surprising to Peter since he has just confessed his sin?
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  - 2. Read Luke 5:12-16.
    - a. Why was leprosy such a big deal? (see Leviticus 13, especially vv. 1-3, 12-15, 45-46).
    - b. What is the leprous man's response to seeing Jesus?
    - c. Notice the text says, "Jesus...touched him." Why is that such a marvelous act? What does this touch tell us about the character of Jesus?
    - d. What do you notice about Jesus words to this man?
    - e. Why does Jesus tell this man to show himself to the priest but not to tell anyone?
    - f. What do these verses tell us about the type of people this King has in his Kingdom?
  - 3. Read Luke 5:17-26.
    - a. What do you notice about the posture of the Pharisees and teachers? What about the posture of the men bringing the paralytic to Jesus?
    - b. In verse 20 it says Jesus "saw their faith." What does that mean? What does these words tell us about the nature of faith?
    - c. Why are the Pharisees angry with Jesus? What does it mean to blaspheme?
    - d. Why can only God forgive sins? What is Jesus claiming by forgiving sins? Why can Jesus forgive sins?
    - e. What do you notice about Jesus' reply? Why does he use words and deeds?
    - f. What happens to the paralytic? How does the crowd respond? What is tragic about the crowds response?
    - g. What do these verses tell us about the type of people this King has in his Kingdom?
  - 4. What does 5:1-26 tell us about King Jesus and his Kingdom?
- General Bible study questions:
    - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
    - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
    - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
    - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
    - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** How does the gracious authority of Jesus compel you to joyfully obey and follow him? Praise God where this is evident in your life. Pray for one specific area of growth.