

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**A King with a Greater Authority**

LUKE 20

**OVERVIEW**

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinners. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe Jesus' 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 19:28-48**

1. Read Luke 19:28-48.
2. How does the worship of Christ make for the things of peace?
3. How do the tears of Christ help you see the heart of Christ?
4. Have a group member or two share their testimony – how Jesus 'drove the den of robbers' in your heart and restored his peace in you.

**OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 20**

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/Big Idea:** The authority of Jesus is challenged, yet his authority is far greater than what people imagine.

1. Read Luke 20:1-8.
2. What does it mean that Jesus is "teaching in the temple and preaching the gospel"?
3. How do the chief priests respond to Jesus teaching? Why?
4. In verse 4, what is significant about Jesus' question?
5. What does their answer reveal about them?
6. In verse 8, what does Jesus' final comment reveal about himself?
7. Ready Luke 20:9-18.
8. What's the main point of this parable? Who do the various characters represent?
9. In verse 17, what's the significance of Jesus quoting Psalm 118:22?
10. What does Jesus mean in verse 18? How does this connect back to what Simeon said of Jesus back in Luke 2:34-35?
11. Read Luke 20:19-26.

12. In these verses, what do we learn about the posture and the motive of the scribes and priests?
  13. What's behind their question in verse 22?
  14. How does Jesus answer them? Why does Jesus answer like this?
  15. If the denarius belongs to Caesar, what things belong to God (think what things have God's image imprinted on it)? In answering as he does, what is Jesus saying ultimately?
  16. Read Luke 20:27-40.
  17. What do we learn about the Sadducees in verse 27?
  18. Yet, what question do they ask Jesus? What does this tell us about their motive?
  19. In verse 37, how does what Moses calls the Lord prove the resurrection?
  20. Why does Jesus reference Moses to make his point?
  21. Read Luke 20:41-47.
  22. In verse 41 and 44, Jesus ask the question, "How is the Christ David's son?" What point is Jesus making?
    - a. NOTE: Jesus' point is not to deny that the Messiah is a descendant of David. Rather, it's as if Jesus is asking, "How can the Christ be only David's son?"
  23. Jesus quotes Psalm 110. What point is he making?
    - a. NOTE: Jesus is showing Scripture teaches that Jesus is David's son, but he's more than David's son.
  24. Discuss how this chapter highlights the earthly and eternal authority of Jesus? How does this authority point us to the good news of the gospel?
- 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:** Where are you experiencing the peace of Christ? Where would you like to experience the peace of Christ?