

WELCOME TO NT365

As you read this week...

- *What stands out as remarkable, intriguing, or challenging?*
- *What did you discover that you've never noticed before? What raises questions?*
- *In what ways do you feel God is speaking to your heart?*

WEEK #13: LUKE CHAPTERS 17-21

Chapter 17

1. Jesus is stern In vs.1-2, warning against causing others to sin. How have you been a negative & positive influence on others? How have others been a negative & positive influence on you?
2. Jesus healed many during His time on earth, and some were more thankful than others (vs.11-19). What good things do you attribute to God? What good things do you neglect to give thanks for?
3. In vs.20-21, Jesus teaches us, *"the Kingdom of God is within you."* What are signs of God's Spirit working internally, in your heart, life, and relationships?

Chapter 18

1. Jesus encourages us to *"always pray and not lose heart"* (vs.1). When have you experienced strength through prayer? How are you growing in your prayer life?
2. Vs.9-14 reveals the stark difference in the prayers of two men. When have you prayed like each man? When are you tempted to boast to God rather than pray?

Chapter 19

1. Zacchaeus the tax collector joyfully welcomed Jesus into his home, then expressed dramatic life-change (vs.5-9). How has Christ changed your life? How is your faith demonstrated by corresponding action?
2. Vs. 10 tells us that Jesus came to seek the lost. An essential part of faith in Christ is recognizing our sin and need for God. What sin and needs in your life do you recognize? Do you feel Christ has "found" you, even though we don't deserve Him?
3. In vs.47-48 we learn that *"all the people hung on Jesus' words"*. Which teachings of Jesus grip your heart? In what ways would your life be different if you were to more faithfully act on Christ's teachings?

Chapter 20

1. In vs. 1-2, the chief priests and scribes question Jesus' authority. Do you have questions about Christ's authority in your life? What are ways you can demonstrate your submission to His authority?
2. Instead of being examples of mercy, justice and humility, many of the Jewish teachers of Jesus' day wrongfully used their positions of authority (vs.45-47). When does pride get the best of you? When do you put on religious impressions to impress or win the affirmation of others?

Chapter 21

1. God never leaves us unprepared for the future, and Scripture prepares us for the unknown. In vs.8-11 Jesus warns about false messiahs and disasters. In what ways do you feel you are growing in your ability to discern God's truth from falsehood? Who are those whom you trust in teaching God's truth?
2. The first century church faced intense persecution, yet endured and thrived. How has God given you hope and peace in times of turmoil and persecution (vs.12-15)?
3. Verses 27-28, tell us that we can confidently await the return of Christ. Read vs.33. Do these words evoke a sense of security or fear in your heart? Why?

WEEK #14:LUKE 22-24 AND JOHN 1-2

Chapter 22

1. Jesus encouraged Simon (Peter) and offered him hope by praying for him (vs.31-32). When have others strengthened your faith through prayer? Who do you know that is having a faith struggle and could use your prayers today?
2. Jesus tells his disciples to *"Pray that you will not fall into temptation"* (vs.40). Have you experienced strength to stand against temptation as you pray? What temptation are you struggling with today? Are you praying for strength right now?
3. Although in anguish, Jesus found strength through prayer to continue His mission (vs.41-45). Which of your life experiences has required the most prayer? In which life experiences have you neglected to pray?

Chapter 23

1. Jesus forgave those who crucified Him (vs.34). Whom do you need to forgive today, even if they aren't seeking your forgiveness?
1. Another man being crucified with Christ asks for and receives forgiveness (vs.39-43). What does Christ's act from the cross teach you about Christ's mercy and our salvation?
2. At His death, Christ commits Himself into His Father's hands (vs.46). What situation in your life do you need to commit to God's capable hands today?

Chapter 24

1. Jesus explained His death and Resurrection using Old Testament Scripture (vs.25-27). As Jesus demonstrates Himself to be the fulfillment of Old Testament promises, what affect does this insight have on your faith?
2. After His Resurrection, Jesus appears to His disciples (vs.36-43). Why do you think it was important that He showed Himself to them? What affect does His appearance to His disciples have on your faith?
3. After Christ's Ascension to Heaven, His disciples return to the temple and begin to worship (vs.50-53). Today, what reasons can you find to joyfully bless and worship God?



Read the entire
New Testament in a year.

- *One Chapter each day, Monday-Friday.*
- *Daily reading notes & reflection questions.*
- *Excellent for Small Group discussion.*

Guide #4

Weeks 13-16
Luke Chapter 17 to
John Chapter 12



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John—The last of the Four Gospels. Possibly the youngest of the Twelve apostles, John is an old man when he writes his Gospel. His goal is “that that all may believe that Jesus is the Christ” (vs.20:31). Jesus took John into His confidence, and from that perspective John offers a somewhat cryptic and highly theological Gospel, presenting much unique material not found in the three Synoptic Gospels. John is also the author of I, II, and III John, and the Book of Revelation. John’s Gospel carries his conviction that Jesus is truly Divine. John refers to himself as “The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved,” and lovingly calls us to place our faith and trust in Christ our Savior.

Chapter 1

1. In cryptic language, John presents Jesus as Divine—the Word, the Creator and the Sustainer of all things (vs.1-5). Are you able to believe that Christ is all these things? In what ways does this truth encourage you today?
2. In Christ, God became Human to demonstrate God’s nature (vs.14,18). What have you learned about God’s nature from Jesus’ life and words?
3. John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the sacrificial “Lamb of God” (vs.29-31). Do you share his conviction? How is God using you to reveal Jesus to others?

Chapter 2

1. Unannounced, Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding festival (vs.1-11). When have you experienced God’s unannounced miracles in your life?
2. John hopes to lead us to believe by calling Jesus’ miracles “signs” of Jesus’ true identity (vs.11, 23). Do the stories of Jesus’ miracles encourage your faith, or cause you to question?
3. After Jesus’ Resurrection, the disciples recalled Jesus’ predictions and their faith was strengthened. When have you been encouraged as you remember Jesus’ teachings?

WEEK #15: JOHN 3-7

Chapter 3

1. In vs.1-6, Jesus teaches that each of us must be “born again” by God’s Spirit. All have experienced physical birth, and all must experience spiritual birth. Have you been “born a second time?” If so, how would you describe your spiritual birth?
2. In vs.16-18 we find one of the best known passages in the Bible. What does it teach us God, Christ, and God’s love for us?
3. In great humility, John the Baptist places Christ’s life and ministry before his own (vs.30). How has Christ become more central to your life? How can Christ become even greater in your life?

Chapter 4

1. In chapter 4, Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman and reveals His identity as the Messiah. As they converse, notice how the woman’s understanding of Jesus grows. In what ways has your understanding of Jesus increased over time?

2. In vs.28-30, the Samaritan woman hurries into town to tell others about Jesus—even those who held her in contempt. In what ways does her example challenge us to share Jesus with others?
3. As the woman returns and shares with her village, many become believers. What do vs.39-42 tell you about the power of our testimonies?

Chapter 5

1. In vs.18-23, Jesus speaks of God as His Father. The religious people of His day were offended. What is your response to His claims?
2. In vs.19, Jesus speaks of His obedience to the Father. What are examples of your own obedience to God? Where are your “growing edges” in terms of your obedience?
3. The religious leaders knew the Scriptures about the Messiah, but were unwilling to believe that Jesus was the Messiah (vs.39). Who do you know who faces the same challenge? What helps you to believe? What keeps you from believing?

Chapter 6

1. Jesus taught, “*This is the work of God, that you believe in Him Who was sent*” (vs. 29). Are you confident that faith in Christ is enough for your salvation? Are you compelled to feel there is more you must do to be accepted by God?
2. Jesus teaches, “*I am the bread of life, whoever comes to Me shall not hunger and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst*” (vs. 35). Do you feel like Jesus has satisfied a hunger and thirst in your life? In what ways?
3. If we are to believe on Christ, God must draw us to Himself (vs.44, 65). What are some examples of how God has drawn you to Himself?

Chapter 7

1. Amazingly, Jesus’ brothers didn’t believe in Him (v.5). However, years later his brothers believed, led the church, and contributed to the New Testament. How does this truth give you hope for someone you know?
2. Jesus offers an invitation and a challenge: “*If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether My teaching comes from God or whether I speak on My own*” (vs.17). How have you discovered more truth about God as you have obeyed God?

WEEK #16: JOHN 8-12

Chapter 8

1. Jesus did not condemn the woman caught in adultery; nor did He ignore or condone her sin (vs.11). How have you experienced Jesus’ compassion and forgiveness? To whom do you need to follow Jesus’ example?
2. Jesus says, “*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life*” (vs.12). What “darkness” have you walked in? In what ways has Jesus brought “light” into your life?

3. When we follow the truth of Jesus’ teaching, we are set free from slavery to sin (vs.34-36). Where do you need Jesus to break the power of enslaving, controlling sin in your life?

Chapter 9

1. A common belief among the Jews in Jesus’ day was that suffering is the result of sin. Yet Jesus teaches differently (vs.1-3). In your life, what suffering or misfortune has turned into an opportunity for God to display His work?
2. In vs.34, the man born blind is thrown out of the temple by the religious leaders. How might faith cause you to be rejected by others? How have you experienced similar rejection?

Chapter 10

1. Jesus teaches He is the Gate to God—our salvation, protection, safety, and security (vs.7-10). Which of these things are you in need of today? How can you “enter the Gate” and receive?
2. Jesus speaks of Himself as the Good Shepherd Who will lay down His life for His sheep (v.11). How have you experienced Jesus as your Good Shepherd? How does this help you appreciate His work on the cross?
3. Jesus teaches that He and the Father are “one” (v.30). Are you able to believe that Jesus is more than a Man, that He is indeed Divine?

Chapter 11

1. Consider the story of Lazarus (vs.1-44). Like Mary and Martha, how have your trials, problems, and difficult situations, stretched and developed your faith? How have you seen “the glory of God” in the midst of those challenges (vs.40)?
2. Jesus teaches that He has power over life and death (vs.25-26). How does this power encourage your daily living?
3. Our Lord and Savior is One of love and compassion (vs.33-35). How have you experienced your Savior’s affections for you? Can you sense His love and compassion this moment?

Chapter 12

1. In vs.26, Jesus calls us to serve Him, and promises that God will honor those who serve Him. In what ways are you serving God in your daily living? Do you sense God honoring your service to Him?
2. Jesus knew that He had been sent to die for the sin of the world (vs.27-28). Do you sense God’s purpose for your life? How are you living into that purpose?
3. Jesus teaches that in believing on Christ we are ultimately believing on God (vs.44). When we look on Jesus, we are ultimately looking upon God (vs.45). In your relationship with Jesus, are you able to see and sense the nearness of the Living God? How does it make you feel to know God personally?