

The prayer Dru shared in his conclusion last Sunday:

Loving God, strip us of our pretensions. Rid us of our boring need for worldly comfort and our constant seeking after praise. Take us on a journey where we will go from distraction to discipleship, from superficiality to deep Christ-like living for others. And, in doing so, help us to know who You are more deeply. Amen.

Source: *A Journey with Luke*, edited by Marek Zabriskie, 2015.

- Read **Luke** once each month in 2021 and journal (journals are available @ *The Connection Corner*, suggested donation, \$4).

If you have any questions,
please reach out to us and let us serve you
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Thank you!

Upcoming Weeks

We're a JESUS Church!
A Red-Letter Year — the Gospel of **Luke**

Jesus – Lord of All

May 2	2 - <i>He's Lord of Hills & Valleys</i> – 9:28-43
May 9	3 - <i>He's Lord of Our Attitudes</i> – 9:46-62
May 16	4 - <i>He's Lord of Our Relationships</i> – 10:25-37
May 23	5 - <i>He's Lord of Our Priorities</i> – 10:38-42
May 30	6 - <i>He's Lord of Our Prayers</i> – 11:1-13
June 6	7 - <i>He's Lord of Our Motives</i> – 11:37-54

Invite a friend to join you!
It could be a day they'll remember for eternity!

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Jesus – Lord of All # 1 ***He's Lord of Life*** **Luke 9:18-27**

We'll be reminded today: **who** Jesus is, **why** it matters, and **what** we're supposed to do about it . . .

Luke 9:20 – What about you? Who do **you** say Jesus is?

Simon Peter answered, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" **Matthew 16:16** (NIV)

- Christ / Messiah – Anointed One – the Promised Savior sent from heaven
- *Son of the Living God* – In that pagan place, Peter clarifies *which* God.

Jesus affirmed him: "*I will build My church on what you just said!*"

What did others say about Jesus' identity in Scripture:

- Angels—*God has given Him the name above every name*
- Demons—*What do You want with us, Jesus, Son of the most high God?*
- John the Baptist—*Behold the Lamb of God . . .*
- Pilate—*I find no fault in this man*
- Judas Iscariot—*I have betrayed innocent blood*
- Roman Centurion—*Surely this man was the Son of God*
- Apostle Paul—*I count all things as loss compared to knowing Jesus my Lord*
- Apostle Peter—*God has made Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ*
- Apostle Thomas—*My Lord and my God*

The What? Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God

So What? Why does it matter?

If you're _____ about Jesus, it doesn't matter
what else you get _____.

If you're _____ about Jesus, it really doesn't matter
what else you get _____.

Now What?

1. _____ of Self “. . . *deny yourself* . . .”

A man named Wilbur Reese wrote, *“I'd like to buy three dollars worth of God, please. Not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk, or a snooze in the sunshine. I don't want enough of Him to make me love [the poor, or people of other races]. I want ecstasy, not transformation. I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth. I want the pound of the eternal in a paper sack. I would like to buy 3 dollars worth of God, please.”*

2. _____ Your Life “. . . *take up your cross* . . .”

The Cross is *art* today, it's beautiful . . .
In Jesus' day, it was hideous, horrific . . .

The word *“excruciating”* literally means, “out of the cross.”
Jesus' slogan—His bottom line—“Come and die.”

3. _____ Your Soul “. . . *gain world, lose soul* . . .”

Billy Graham: “Many people are only eighteen inches away from the Kingdom of God.” (The distance from their head to their heart)

It's all about surrender... turning loose of all that you've been clinging to.

Closing Application

When you _____ to what
you've been _____ for,
then you can _____ for what's
worth _____ for.

It's been estimated, the Romans crucified _____ Jews.

Specifically, let's close by discussing **4** who were crucified...

- Jesus
- Thief who humbled himself
- Thief who mocked Jesus
- The Apostle Peter (history: he was sentenced to crucifixion)

1. You can die...lost...like the one thief . . .
2. You can squeak in by the skin of your teeth like the other thief . . . some people do . . .
3. You can devote your life to something worth dying for.

Because Jesus died and rose again...How we live...and how we die...really matters.

“. . . live like you'll die tomorrow,
die knowing you'll live forever!”

Rich Mullins [w/ Reed Richardson/Wayne Kirkpatrick],
Live Right (1986)

Die to self, live for God ... In the end, that's all that really matters.