

Luke Overview: Author and Date: Luke the physician around 61-62 A.D.


First readers and their location: Luke and Acts were first written for Theophilus Gentile believer who wanted more detailed information about Jesus and the early church.

Why was it written?: Luke himself gives us the reason for his record of Jesus' life: "...I myself have carefully investigated



Open-up

If you could ask God for anything, what would it be? If you did ask God for something, do you believe He could actually do something about it? The parable of the persistent widow is an encouragement to those who are followers of Christ that we should always pray and never give up, believing that God hears us and answers us...

 **Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”**
Read: Luke 18:1-8

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)

Look at Luke 11:5-13, Exodus 22:23 and Revelation 6:10. How do these passages help you understand what Jesus is saying here.

How does Luke 17:22-37 bring clarity to what Jesus says in 18:8?

If you have time explore what the Bible says about asking

Phil.4:6-7 / Matt.7:7-11 / James 4:2b-3 / Eph. 3:20 / Luke 18:27



Into my life—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”

What would I like to see God do in my life?

What will I persistently pray for, entrusting God with the results?

What is one next step you need to take in growing in prayer?



Into the World—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”

When we persistently pray to the Lord for Him to do something in our lives, more than anything else, we are saying, “God, we are dependent on you...we can't do this without you...we don't want to do this without you...we need you!”

What are some things that you need to begin praying for regularly? Develop a prayer list that you can refer to regularly.

During your prayer time together, instead of sharing prayer requests, entre straight into prayer and have individuals pray for those things that God brings to mind.