

Study Guide - 14 Mar 2020

Series: Luke

Text: Luke 22:35-53



This guide will help you facilitate a study of the Bible passage with a focus on applying God's truth to our lives together. Look at the Big Idea and Takeaway for our CGs sections at the beginning of the guide to keep the discussion focused. For a deeper dive into the passage, refer to the [text notes](#) on the passage.

Overview

Context of Luke

Luke the Greek physician was Paul's companion during his mission in proclaiming the gospel. Luke wrote this gospel as the first volume of a single work, consisting of The Gospel Of Luke and Acts. Both volumes are addressed to Theophilus and are written in a similar style. The Book of Acts refers to The Gospel Of Luke in its introduction. As a Greek and later a companion of Paul, Luke had never met Jesus personally, yet as a scholar and physician, he set upon the task to interview and record the events of the life of Jesus, according to Jesus' close companions and earliest eyewitnesses (1:1-4). Luke's gospel is, therefore, the most detailed, and it contains the most material of the three synoptic gospels.

Big Idea

Jesus responded to agony and trials by submitting to the Father through prayer and calls His disciples to do the same.

CG Takeaway

For our CGs to meditate on the agony that Jesus endured for us, and to be encouraged to "stay awake" and suffer well in the face of the trials by persevering in prayer and trusting in Jesus' love for us that was evident at the Cross.

Fallen Condition Focus

- Being surprised or unprepared when following Jesus brings trials and suffering
- Going through these trials without any reference to who God is, how we should be trusting Him, or misunderstanding God's plan altogether
 - Through becoming pessimistic or apathetic (e.g. the Disciples responding to their sorrow by sleeping instead of staying awake and praying), or seeking to get to

the end point through our own ways, neglecting God's character and His larger plan for us (e.g. The disciples' buying swords even though God's plan did not entail an armed resistance)

- Not being prayerful or not staying awake in order that we may be sensitive to how we might be tempted away from following Jesus when trials come

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Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Jesus

35 And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no money bag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." **36** He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. **37** For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." **38** And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. **40** And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." **41** And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, **42** saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." **43** And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. **44** And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. **45** And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, **46** and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

47 While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, **48** but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" **49** And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" **50** And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. **51** But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. **52** Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? **53** When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

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Deep Dive: Which occasion in Luke did Jesus previously tell His disciples to go “out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals?”

1. Contrast Jesus and the Disciples:

- a) What sorrows or temptations were before each of them in this passage?
- b) How do each of them prepare for and respond to the trials ahead?

2. How might we be like the disciples when we are confronted with trials? What are the ways that we might be tempted to respond to suffering or temptations by:

- Becoming weighed down by despair? (v45)
- “Sleeping” and escaping? (v45)
- Taking matters into our own hands? (v49)

3. Luke writes that Jesus was in great agony at the Mount of Olives.

- a) Why was Jesus in such great agony? (If need to probe further: What does His agony reveal about His relationship with the Father?)
- b) How does this encourage us when we face trials and temptations?

4. How does knowing that Jesus is going to be “numbered among the transgressors” and his prayer at the Mount of Olives encourage us to pray in the midst of temptations and trials?

Optional Deep Dive: Why did Jesus heal the ear of His arrestor when they have come to arrest Him? What does it show about His heart towards His enemies?