

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Course aim:

To introduce participants to the Gospel of Luke by exploring the Gospel's main themes, the portrayal of Jesus, and the distinctiveness of its message. Participants will connect Luke's message and concerns to their own lives and ministries.

May 4

Overview and introduction - Scripture, the Gospels, the cultural, social, political and literary context of the Gospel.

May 11

The shape of Luke's Gospel. How Luke guides us in reading Luke.

May 18

Themes in Luke - The Plan of God: Salvation, the Spirit, prayer and praise.

May 25

Luke and Acts, the other Gospels, and other sources. The author, date, setting, genre, audience, and purpose of Luke.

June 1

Different approaches to reading Luke.

June 8

The different structures or literary devices Luke uses to communicate his Gospel.

June 15

Lukan themes - Discipleship, women, poverty and riches.

June 22

Parables and Miracles.

The application of scripture - Church, metaphor, and imagination.