

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Blessed by a Promise

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Luke is a medical doctor, amateur historian, investigative reporter and a person committed to helping other people place their faith in Christ. Today, he points to another song that was remembered by many because of its scriptural significance. This canticle or hymn is entitled *Benedictus* which comes from the opening Latin word which is translated “blessed.”



Watch this week’s summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

The Bible is full of God’s promises to us—his special people. What is a promise that is special to you?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Review Zechariah’s story through Luke 1. What emotions and realizations are prompting him to sing out in praise at this point?

Mike shared several ways that our world is “precisely designed.” Cite some “precise” characteristics. How do they point to a Creator even for those who have not read the Bible? Read Romans 1:19–21. What do you think of Paul’s comments about those who ignore the marvels of our created world?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Zechariah’s song praises God for redemption, salvation, and a powerful Savior. For many Israelites, they believed this meant “saving from Rome.” How is “saving from Rome” different than the “saving from Sin” that God ends up pointing to through John and offering in Christ? What do we need most in God?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Pastor Mike shared that for many people around the world, the perspective of “faith” is a prayer to God that determines an eternal destination. Mike clarifies that living by faith is much more than a decision, or a moment of time, rather it is a life of cooperation with God in his purposes—and that God’s purposes are not limited to when we die! How is your life arranged to better understand God’s purposes? In what ways do you participate in the work of God?

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICE

Zechariah’s song included praise for redemption, as well as praise for promises kept, provision made and protection given. This week, list ways that God has kept promises for you, provided for your needs or protected you from harm.



PRAYER

God, I “sing” to you in thanks that you always keep your promises. I thank you that the more I see your faithfulness, the more I grow in my trust in you and believe that your ways are good. Help me to trust you even when I don’t understand what you are doing. Help me remember that you can work all things together for good for those who love you.



MEMORIZING

“God is not slow in keeping his promises, as some understand slowness.”—2 Peter 3:9a

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