

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 1:1-4

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: Name one topic that you researched as a student? What are your favorite research topics today?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 1:1-4:** What stands out to you in this text? What is something that you have not seen before?
2. What are some things that we should note about the author Luke that are helpful in understanding his writings (Luke-Acts)? Who was he and what did he do?
3. What is Luke's purpose for writing Luke? What does he hope to accomplish with his account of Jesus and the Church?
4. How might Luke's purpose shape or change how we read or study his gospel? What might you be especially looking for as you read through this account?
5. Why is it important to study the scriptures at all? What changes when we do? What fruits can we expect from studying God's word?
6. How has studying God's word changed you? What have you learned or what areas have you grown in as you personally studied God's word?
7. Has studying God's word been discouraging for you lately? Why might this be? What can help you glean truths and encouragement from God's word?
8. What are some helpful strategies in studying God's word? What is something that has worked for you in the past that might help someone else?
9. How can we pray for ourselves and for one another to persevere in the study of God's word? What would be an accountability strategy for you?
10. **Pray:** Spend some time thanking the Lord that he has given us his word and that his word is not dead, but is living and active. Thank him that change is possible as the Holy Spirit uses the word to change us. Pray that we may be a church steeped in God's word, and we would "have certainty" in the truth.