

Luke 1:1-4

30 July 2023

ICE BREAKER: Describe a supernatural event or miracle that ever happened in your life.

LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

The Gospel of Luke is **inspired** of the **Holy Spirit**. The early church immediately recognized Luke’s Gospel as **God’s Word**. In 1 Timothy 5:18, Apostle Paul himself quoted from the Old Testament and Luke’s Gospel, referring to both as “**Scripture**”.

Despite being led by the Holy Spirit, Luke explained he “**carefully investigated everything from the beginning**.” Writing this Gospel demanded Luke’s utmost in detailed, painstaking research. In fact, being used and anointed by the Holy Spirit required of Luke **hard work** and **long hours**.

1. What is the relationship between **inspiration** on **God’s part** and **perspiration** or hard work on **our part**?

(Read verses 1-2) Luke explained the accounts of Jesus’ life were “**handed down**”, a technical term for passing on information as **authoritative** and **reliable**. These accounts were passed **down not by hearsay**, but were confirmed over and over by **first-hand eyewitnesses** of Jesus’ ministry. Throughout this Gospel, Luke repeatedly emphasized the **importance** of the **historical accuracy** in describing Jesus’ life.

Most **other religions** do not stress such emphasis on historical accuracy. Rather, the focus is on spiritual truths that transcend whether an event is historically accurate or not.

2. Why is **historical accuracy** critical to the **rise** or **fall** of the **Christian faith**?

(Read verse 2) Luke described the first-hand eyewitnesses **not** just as **spectators** of Jesus’ ministry and preaching, but as “**servants of the word**”. A servant **submits** to the **authority** over him.

Luke explains that when we see God moving in our midst through miracles, healing, answered prayers, or preaching we become **responsible** for what God has shown us. At that moment, we must decide whether to remain as **spectators** or **submit** to **God’s authority** as **His servants**.

3. What is an **area** in your life you **struggle submitting to God’s Word**?

(Read verses 3-4) These verses describe Luke’s **purpose** for writing this Gospel. The Gospel of Luke was written “**so that you may know the certainty** of the things you have been taught.” Luke wrote to Theophilus, a person of high rank, was well as to all readers **to encourage** them **toward total confidence in Jesus**.

4. What causes you to **gain confidence**, or **lose confidence and doubt** in your **faith in Jesus**?

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PRAYER GROUP TIME

(Make a list of people whom those, in your group, plan to witness Christ to this week.)
