

INTRODUCTION

- * Though we have taken a few detours along the way, we have spent the bulk of the past 5 months examining Luke's gospel account, with our plan this morning being to finish up chapter 5. This means that at our current pace, we will be in Luke, not only for the remainder of 2024, but most likely a good portion of 2025 as well.
- * And while for some, this might be considered a "slow" pace, for me it is a reminder of the depth and beauty of God's Word, and also the fact that the Bible is so full of truth that it merits and deserves our careful attention to its every detail. But then, as many of you have no doubt experienced over the years, we will have but "scratched the surface" even after we eventually come to the end of Luke 24.
- * Now, as Pastor Bob has reminded us frequently over the past 5 months, Luke's desire was to present an orderly account of the ministry of Jesus the Christ, so that those that heard about it could be assured of its veracity, in order that they could have confidence to share its testimony with others.
- * Before we get into the final 13 verses of Luke 5, where Jesus reveals more about the nature of His new work, let's consider a few additional characteristics of Luke's gospel account. The intent being to further prepare us for all that we have to cover, and discover, in the months ahead.

INSTRUCTION**I. Some additional characteristics of Luke's Gospel account...**

- A. Luke's account is very D _____-oriented (Luke 3:1-2)
- B. Luke's account is very P _____-oriented
- C. Luke's account is very comprehensive (parables of the Good Samaritan and Lost Son)
- D. Luke's account highlights Jesus's prayer life (Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28; 11:1, etc.)
- E. Reasons to appreciate Luke's account as it meets four important needs:
 - i. Our need for s _____.
 - ii. Our need to i _____ with Jesus.
 - iii. Our need for a _____.
 - iv. Our need for f _____.

II. Levi's Call to N____ L_____:

- A. **From Tax Collector to Disciple** (Luke 5:27-28; Mt. 9:9; Mark 2:13-14)
- B. **From Disciple to Evangelist** (Luke 5:29; Mt. 9:10; Mark 2:15. See also Mt. 5:43-47)

III. Four Illustrations Pointing to Three Key Things that Jesus Offers:

- A. Jesus as the Physician and His offer of Spiritual H _____ . (Luke 5:30-32)
 - B. Jesus as the Bridegroom and His offer of Spiritual J _____ . (Luke 5:33-35; Rev. 19:6-9)
 - C. The Illustration of the Garment.
 - D. The Illustration of the Wine/Wineskins.
- } Jesus's offer of Spiritual W _____ (Luke 5:36-39)

INTROSPECTION

- *Have you accepted and embraced the new life of spiritual health, joy and wholeness that Jesus freely offers?
- *Have you invited family and friends into your new life so that they can discover what Jesus offers?
- *Are there any ways you are still trying to build your new life in Christ on an "old life" foundation?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore change the way you act?

INTERACTION

What steps have you taken or will you take to follow Levi's example to reach non-believers in your circle of influence?