

Engage Bible Study: Luke 1:1-4
September 12-14, 2011



- A. Why Read Luke?**
- B. Who is Luke?**
- C. When and to whom was this written?**
- D. What's the purpose of this book?**
- E. Overview and Core Themes**

Questions for Small Group Conversation

If the people around the table don't know one another please begin with introductions.

Opening Prayer: *God, thank you for this time together to open your word and grow closer to you and to one another. We invite your Holy Spirit into our conversation to open our eyes, hearts and minds to whatever you would have us learn. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

Open Up (pick one or both to get your conversation started)

- Do you tend to take people at their word, or are you a “you gotta show me” kind of person?
- As we begin this journey through Luke’s Gospel what hope, expectations and questions do you begin with?

Dig In

- What does Luke’s introduction tell you about Luke and his purpose for writing?
- Why do you think he invested so much time putting this story together for Theophilus? What was so important to Luke that Theophilus “know the certainty of the things” he had been taught?
- Of the core themes that Luke will address which one intrigues you most? Why?
- Luke says that the story he is about to tell is about the things have “been fulfilled”. What are the implications of Luke’s choice of words?

Move Out

- Luke had a passion to share his faith with Theophilus. Do you have a passion to share your faith with someone? If so, with whom, how and when? If not, why not? Be honest. Pray about this, and consider carefully the story you would tell that would proclaim your faith and why it matters to you.

Next Week: *Luke 1:5-56: Two Births Foretold.*