

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE **PROMISE KEEPER**
DISCOVERING JESUS
THE MAN WHO IS GOD

Group Discussion Guide

In our time together in the book of Luke, we want to discover Jesus, the man who is God, in a fresh way. Each week we will be discovering a new aspect of who Jesus is and how we fulfilled God's redemptive plan for all creation.

STARTER

There is a phrase "A man without his word is nothing." What are some of your reactions to that quote?

What experiences have you had where people successfully or unsuccessfully kept their word? What did you learn about these people through that experience?

If we are to believe in Him, then we must understand if he is able to keep his word. Let's look at the Scriptures together.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURE

Please take a few moments to read Luke 2:22-35.

What do we learn about the people involved in this passage? (Joseph, Mary, and Simeon)

What promises do we see that are being fulfilled in this moment?

What promises are being spoken but ultimately fulfilled in Jesus?

What do these promises tell us about the heart of God?

MAKING IT REAL

The Lord has made promises to us as well. Do you know what they are and how to find them in Jesus?

Please give out the following verses to different people or groups within your community group. Have them search for the promise in that passage, where it comes from, and how it is kept...

- John 14:15-17
- James 1:5
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Hebrews 13:5
- Mark 10:29-31
- John 15:9-11
- Philippians 1:6
- Luke 12:40

DISCOVERING JESUS

As we read these promises we can know that they are true in our minds, but not experience them in our lives. What do you believe the difference is between “knowing the promises” and “living in the promises” of Jesus ?

John Piper wrote, “Saving faith — which also sanctifies — is not only a backward glance to the foundations of faith in the work of Jesus. Saving faith is also the forward glance in the confidence that future grace, which Christ purchased, will in fact come true — for the world, and for me. Saving faith in the promises of God includes spiritual enjoyment of the God of the promises.” (John Piper, *You Can Believe the Promises of God and Be Lost*)

How do we practice having a forward glance of the future grace of Jesus?