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Luke 3-9

WEEKS 1-4
LEADER & MEMBER GUIDE



HEAD-HEART-HANDS-HABITS

In this series, we will be studying the key beliefs that we strongly hold to as followers of Christ and as a church body. In order to help convey the importance of each truth and how we can apply it to our lives, we will be using a different approach in our LifeGroup discussions to help us read, interpret, and apply these truths with the goal of growing as disciples of Jesus Christ!

The Head - Heart - Hands framework seeks to help us live a life balanced by our thinking, feeling, and behavior. It isn't meant for us to pick and choose, but all are necessary in order to help us live our lives fully in the faith that comes from Christ, as we seek to love Him with our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

In each lesson, there will be questions from each of the areas: Head, Heart, Hands, and Habits. Just as we can't live a healthy, balanced life by only eating one or two foods, we must have all of these areas to live a healthy spiritual life in Christ. As a result, it is important that you discuss questions from each of these areas. For many, you will find several questions to choose from. Choose the question(s) that will most benefit your LifeGroup from each section rather than trying to answer every question in order to discuss each topic in the time allowed. Each type plays an important role in our walk and growth as followers of Christ.



Head Questions: What we believe and think (Psalm 119:130)

- "Intellectual" questions that help us to understand the teaching points in the passage
- Discuss our thoughts and understanding of what the passage says
- Think of it as: What do you understand in this passage?

Heart Questions: What we love and desire (Romans 12:1-2)

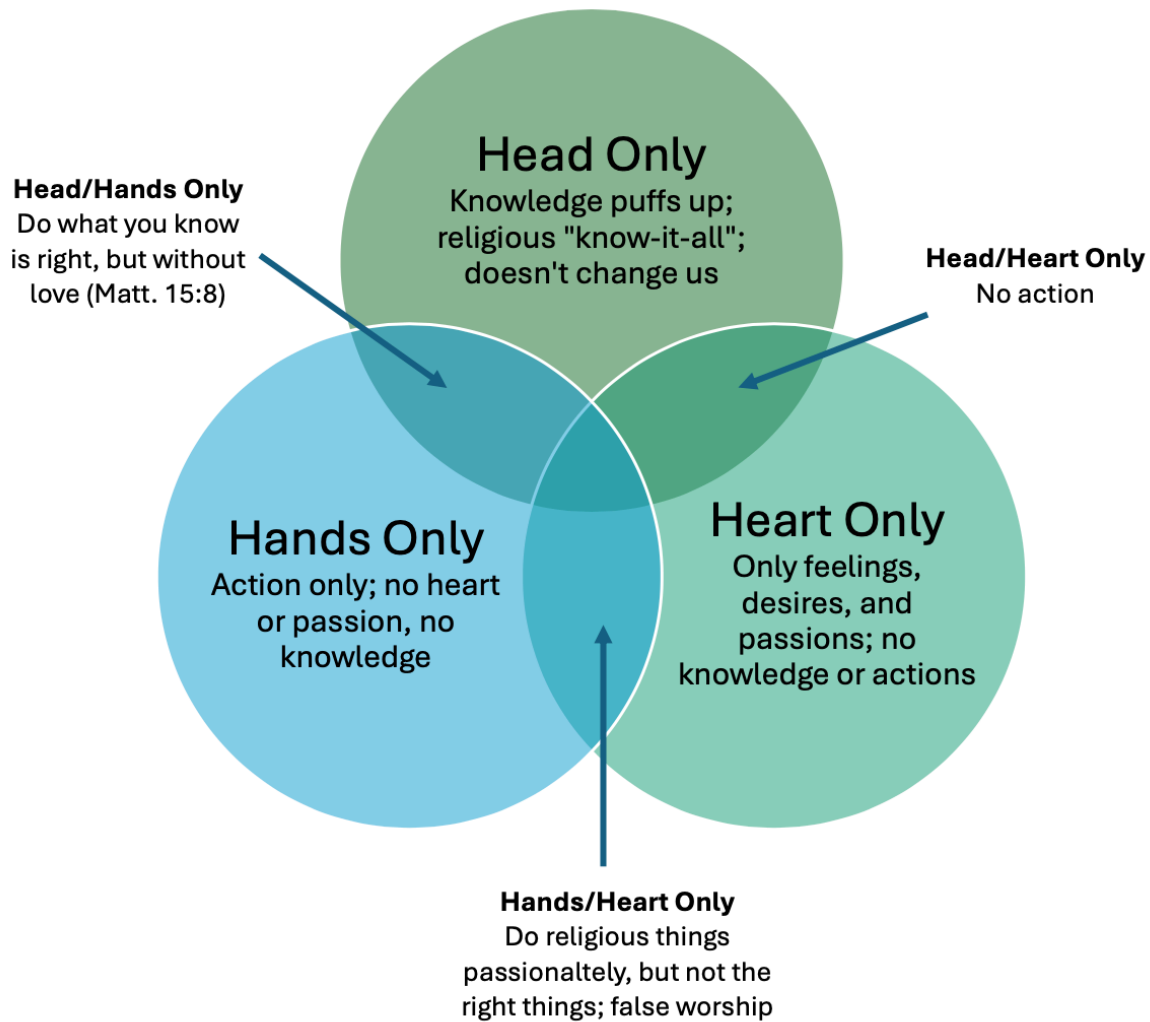
- "Emotional" questions that help us to understand the importance of the passage and to be affected by it, not just informed by it
- Examine our desires, feelings, will, and choices, as well as our passions
- Think of it as: What moves and motivates you in this passage?

Hands Questions: What we choose and do (Titus 3:1-8)

- "Practical" questions that help us to see the implications of what the passage teaches, and to be determined to act on it.
- As our mind and values change, our actions should follow!
- Think of it as: What will you do with this passage?

It isn't enough to just have one or two of these areas in our lives. It is important and necessary that we have a balance of all three!

The Dangers of Not Using All Three



As we allow God to work in our lives in all three of these aspects, we grow in our relationship with Him and allow Him to transform our lives. As a result, we can develop Habits that honor and glorify Him!

Habit Questions help us answer the question, "Now what?" Once our head, heart, and hands are working well together, we can move forward to develop consistent practices, regular rhythms, and routines that help us turn our knowledge, emotions, and actions into a way of life that honors God and draws people to Him!

They help us to make our faith an active part of our everyday lives, building spiritual disciplines that will sustain our faith and testimony over time. Without these habits, it is easy for the other areas to get out of sync and break down, and for us to lose sight of why we do what we do!



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**Luke 3:15-23: Ephesians 3:20-21: John 15:5:
Hebrews 11:6: Luke 9:23**

What stood out to you from the message this week? What led you to really think? Did anything challenge you?

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HEAD- What do you understand?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

What does Luke 3:15–17 reveal about the expectations people had for the Messiah?

Why is John so intentional about pointing away from himself and toward Jesus?



What does Jesus' baptism reveal about His mission and identification with humanity?

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How does the Father's declaration in verses 21-22 shape our understanding of Jesus' identity before His ministry begins?

Optional tie-in:

How does Ephesians 3:20-21 connect to the idea of expectation and God's power at work through Christ?

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How does it impact you to know that the Father's approval of Jesus comes before any public ministry or miracles?

When you think about repentance as freedom rather than shame, what changes emotionally for you?

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Which picture of Jesus in this passage draws your heart the most and why?

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Where do you find yourself tempted to look for validation apart from God's voice?

Helpful quote reflection:

How does the idea that we live from God's acceptance rather than for it challenge your normal spiritual mindset?

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If repentance is a turning toward Jesus, what is one area of your life that needs realignment right now?

What would it look like this week to depend on Christ instead of self-effort according to John 15:5?

Jesus was praying when the heavens opened. What step could you take to be more intentional about prayer this week?

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Choose 1 question and get specific.

What regular rhythm could help you live with expectation for God's work in your life this year?

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How can you build a habit that keeps you grounded in faith and dependence as described in Hebrews 11:6?

Based on Luke 9:23, what does "daily surrender" practically look like for you right now?

Encourage each person to name one habit they will practice before the next meeting.



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We can be tempted to chase after the things of this world in order to experience Satan's temporary "power", focusing on ourselves and our own interests, all the while forgetting about God's eternal power and glory. Satan wants us to sacrifice the eternal for the temporary and take the easy way out. But there is no easy way, no shortcut to becoming fully mature and complete in Christ. Warren Wiersbe once wrote: "Satan tempts us to bring out the worst in us, but God can use those difficult experiences to put the best into us." God allows us to experience testing and

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Luke 4: 1-30

What stood out to you from the message this week? What led you to really think? Did anything challenge you?

**If you were the emperor of the world,
what would be your first decree?**

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HEAD- What do you understand?

Why does Luke emphasize that Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit when He entered the wilderness?

What patterns do you see in the way Satan tempts Jesus?

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Optional tie-in:

How does Jesus' use of Scripture shape how we understand the power of God's Word in daily life?

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What emotions surface when obedience to God feels costly or uncomfortable?

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Where do you feel most vulnerable to spiritual compromise?

Helpful quote reflection:

How does the idea that obedience flows from trust rather than fear challenge your normal reactions to temptation?

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Consider the following as you pray together:

- **Think about the three categories Satan used to tempt Jesus - appetite, recognition, and power. Which of those three causes you the most trouble? Pray for wisdom to recognize Satan's temptation, remembering to rely on God and His Word when you face difficult times.**
- **Take time to learn Scripture in order that you can have it as a resource when you face difficult times or temptation.**
- **Take time to evaluate the way you live your life, as well as the choices you make. Are you worshiping God alone?**

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However, as followers of Christ, we do not have to live our lives in fear as the world does. Even though we will face evil and spiritual battles, 1 John 4:4 reminds us of this truth: "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." Jesus displayed His power and authority throughout the

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Where in your life or in the world today have you seen power or authority used in a way that surprised or amazed you, whether good or bad?

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HEAD- What do you understand?

How do people respond to Jesus' teaching in this passage?

Why do demons immediately recognize who Jesus is?



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What does this passage reveal about the authority of Jesus' word?

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Why does Luke pair teaching and healing together here?

Optional tie-in:

How does this passage expand your understanding of spiritual authority?

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Choose 1 or 2 questions.

How does Jesus' compassion toward the sick speak to your heart?

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Helpful quote reflection:

How does trusting Jesus' authority bring peace instead of anxiety?

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HANDS - What will you do?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

How can you intentionally turn to Jesus first when you face spiritual or emotional pressure this week?

Who might God be prompting you to pray for or encourage right now?

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How can your response to struggle this week reflect trust in Jesus rather than fear or control?

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Consider the following as you pray together:

- **In what areas of your life do you struggle to recognize and submit to Jesus' authority?**
- **Take time to reflect on how God has demonstrated His power and authority in your own life. Respond to Him with thanksgiving and worship.**
- **How can you help others see and be amazed by Jesus' authority and commit their lives to Him?**

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Passages we'll review:

Luke 5:1-11

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Read Luke 5:1-11

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How does obedience precede understanding in this passage?

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HEART – What moves you?

Choose 1 or 2 questions.

What fears surface when Jesus invites you into deeper trust?

How does Jesus' words "Do not be afraid" speak to your life right now?

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How does grace change the way you respond to Jesus' call?

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Choose 1 or 2 questions.

What step of obedience have you been delaying and why?

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What would it look like to respond to Jesus even when the outcome feels uncertain?

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How can you take one practical step this week that reflects trust rather than control?

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Consider the following as you pray together:

- How do you respond when God's instructions don't make sense? Are you willing to prioritize God's Word over your own expertise?
- How can you see your daily work, conversations, and tasks as opportunities to "cast nets" for the Kingdom of God?
- What would it look like for you to go out into deeper waters? Where is Jesus calling you to step out of your comfort zone into deeper faith this year?
- What does "leaving everything" to follow Jesus look like in your life today? What are you holding onto too tightly?

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