



# *the* AMAZING WORKS *of* CHRIST



*Luke 3-9*

WEEKS 5-8  
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?

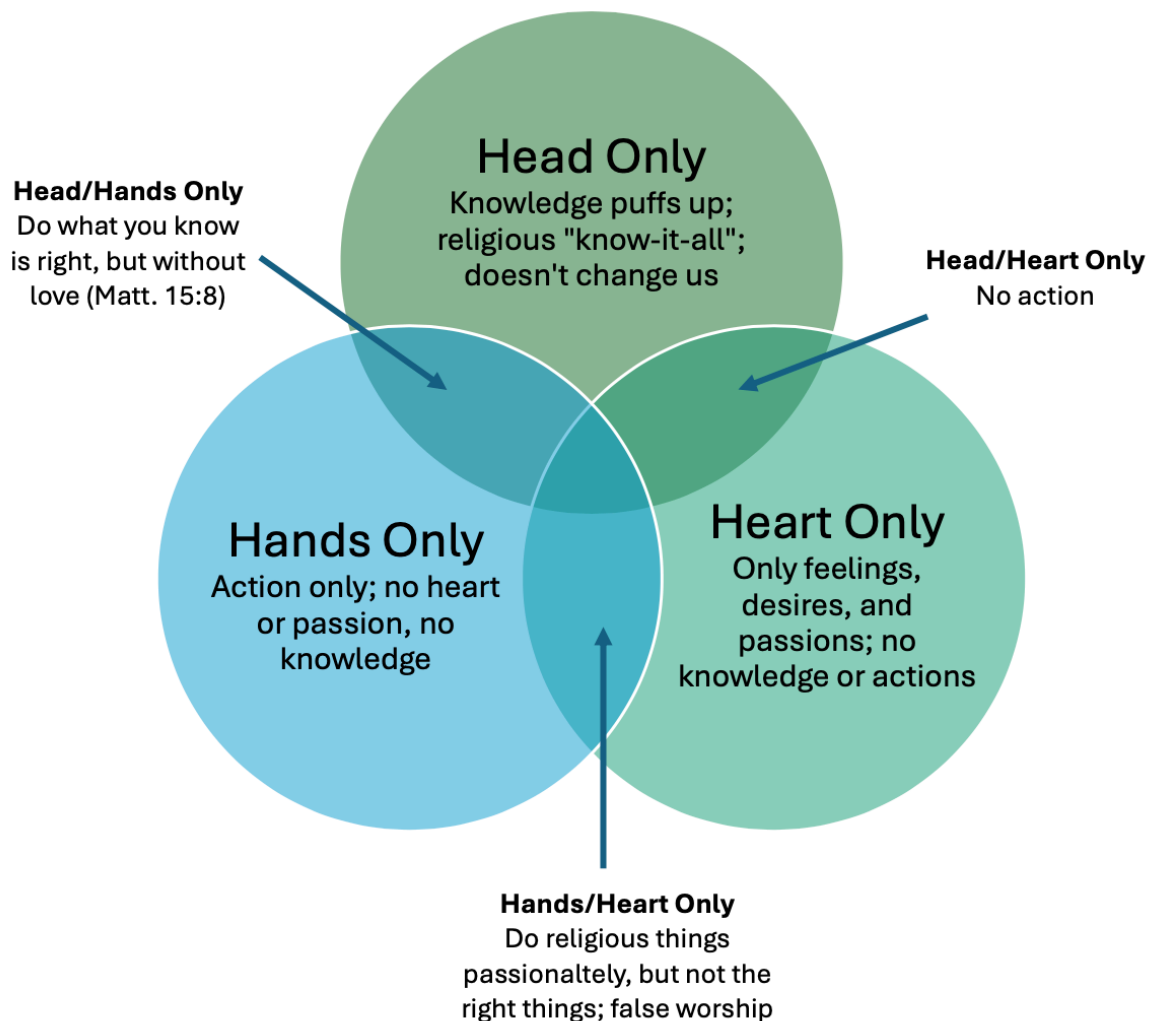
**Hands Questions: What we choose and do (Titus 3:1-8)**

- "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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## WEEK 5

### WATCH

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### READ

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### DISCUSS

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

**Many of the things Jesus taught are a mystery to us, even seemingly illogical, but we find that they are actually examples of a veridical paradox. Jesus continually revealed the "upside-down" nature of the Kingdom of God, .g.: the last shall be first; those who love life will lose it; the one who humbles himself will be exalted; we are to be in the world, but not of it; we are to**



## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

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Passages we'll review:

Luke 6:17-26

## NOTES

## OPENING

If you were to ask a random person on the street to define a "blessed life", what are five things they would likely name?

## DISCUSS

Read Luke 6:17-26

Following Jesus transforms how we define blessing, success, and obedience.



## Luke 3-9

**Choose 1 or 2 questions.**

## What contrasts stand out between kingdom values and cultural values?

## NOTES

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Luke 3-9

## NOTES

**Why does Jesus emphasize obedience rather than admiration?**

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**Optional tie-in:**

**How does building on Jesus' words affect long-term faith?**

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*Luke 3-9*

## NOTES

## Which teaching challenges you the most and why?

## How do Jesus' words confront your natural instincts?

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Luke 3-9

## NOTES

**What emotions surface when obedience feels costly?**

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**Helpful quote reflection:**

**How does grace motivate obedience differently than fear?**

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

**Where is Jesus calling you to respond differently than the culture around you?**

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

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## Choose 1 question and get specific.

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

**Kingdom living isn't about perfection. It's about direction.**

**"It is always so. Our choicest blessings invariably come to us by descending; our richest benefits come by going downward. We stoop to conquer. The farmer bows his face toward the earth both to sow the seed and to reap the harvest; the miner goes below for the precious things of the earth; the loveliest streams flow along the lowest valleys; the sweetest flowers flourish in the shadiest dells." F.W. Boreham**



## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

- **Looking at Jesus' list today, where do you find yourself – among the "blessed" or those receiving "woes"?**

- **Jesus warns against seeking the approval of others. In what area of your life are you most tempted to prioritize popularity over truth?**

- **How does this passage challenge you to change your priorities for this week? What is one area of your life where you need to trust in the future promises of the Kingdom rather than demanding immediate satisfaction?**

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## WEEK 6

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## NOTES

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

## Luke 7:1-10



## Luke 3-9

**Jesus responds to humble faith with compassion and power.**



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## Luke 3-9

## **HEAD- What do you understand?**

**Choose 1 or 2 questions.**

## Why does Jesus marvel at the centurion's faith?

### What does this passage teach about authority and submission?

## NOTES

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

## How does humility shape genuine faith?

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## HEART – What moves you?

**Choose 1 or 2 questions.**

## How does humility affect your approach to Jesus?

## Where do you struggle to trust Jesus' power or timing?

## NOTES

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

## How does surrender deepen faith?

**Choose 1 or 2 questions.**

**How can you approach Jesus with greater trust this week?**





*Luke 3-9*

Who can you intentionally pray for with renewed faith?

## NOTES

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What situation in your life requires trusting Jesus' word rather than your own understanding?

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What practical step can you take to act in faith even if the outcome feels uncertain?

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

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*Luke 3-9*

## NOTES

**"The centurion is a reminder to us that 'man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7). I think we will be surprised someday when Jesus doles out rewards. Most of the great ones among us will probably have lived in obscurity. Jesus is not as impressed with degrees and achievements as we are. He is impressed with those who really do humbly believe in Him."  
(Jon Bloom)**

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## WEEK 7

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## NOTES

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

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## Luke 8:22-25



## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

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## Read Luke 8:22-25

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**Choose 1 or 2 questions.**

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## Luke 3-9

## Why does Jesus question the disciples' faith?

## NOTES

**Optional tie-in:**

## How does fear distort perspective?



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## HEART – What moves you?

**Choose 1 or 2 questions.**

## NOTES

## What storms threaten your peace right now?

## How do fear and faith compete in your heart?

### How does Jesus' calm presence speak to you?



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## NOTES

## What practical step can help you focus on Jesus instead of the storm around you?

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**When anxiety rises, what action can remind you of Jesus' presence and authority?**

## NOTES

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**What does trusting Jesus look like for you in the middle of your current circumstances?**



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## Luke 3-9

## HABITS – Now what?

## Choose 1 question and get specific.

## What rhythm anchors your faith during uncertainty?

## How can prayer become a place of peace?

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

**Faith isn't the absence of fear. It's choosing trust anyway.**

## NOTES

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**Consider the following as you pray together:**

- **Look at your own current “storm”. Are you trusting your own abilities to “steer the boat” or are you relying on the Master who is in the boat with you?**
- **The disciples’ response was due to their lack of faith. What practical steps can you take this week to take your eyes off the situation and demonstrate faith over fear as you remember what you know to be true about God?**
- **Storms in life are inevitable. How can you prepare now in order to be more ready to trust Him when the next one hits?**

## NOTES

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## WEEK 8

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

**But Jesus wasn't interested in the opinions of others. He knew that His earthly mission was more than just life itself. His purpose as our Messiah was radically different from what the world expected. As He prepared His disciples**



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## NOTES

for what was to come. He knew that one of the most important questions they needed to be able to answer was "Who do you say that I am?" Instead of a simple opinion, they would need to be able to answer with conviction who He truly was! In doing so, they would also have to understand that following Him meant identifying with Him completely, even to the point of death. The earthly price would be costly, but the eternal value would be well worth it all! In this week's study, we are asked that same question, "Who do you say He is?" Everything hinges on our response as we strive to take our eyes off of the world around us and follow Him, no matter the cost!

### Passages we'll review:

## Luke 9:18-22



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# OPENING

**What is the first thing people usually assume about you when they first meet you?**

# DISCUSS

## **Read Luke 9:18-22**

**Everything hinges on how you answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?"**

## NOTES

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## HEAD- What do you understand?

**Choose 1 or 2 questions.**

## Why does Jesus ask this question at this moment?

## How does He redefine what kind of Messiah He is?

## NOTES

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## Why is suffering central to His mission?

## NOTES

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**Optional tie-in:**

## How does this reshape expectations of faith?



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**Choose 1 or 2 questions.**

## How would you answer Jesus' question personally?

## What emotions surface when following Jesus involves sacrifice?

## NOTES

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## Where do you struggle with shallow views of faith?

## NOTES

**Helpful quote reflection:**

## How does clarity about Jesus lead to commitment?







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## NOTES

**How can you live in a way that reflects your confession of who Jesus is, even when it costs you something?**



## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

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## Luke 3-9

## NOTES

- **True discipleship doesn't always lead to earthly comfort and worldly success, but rather "temporary" trials and sacrifices that lead to ultimate, eternal victory. Are you expecting an "easy" life without suffering, or are you prepared to follow Him no matter the cost?**









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