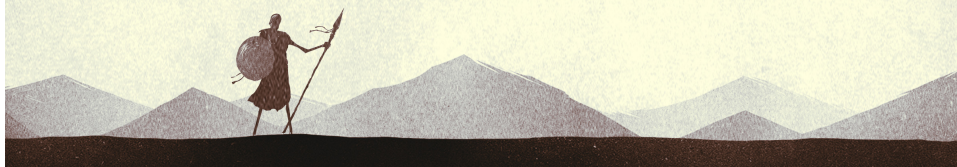


**LUKE | BATTLE
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Luke: Battle Ready (Jan. 3 to 31)

We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke (we began with our "Hindsight Is 20/20" Christmas series in Dec. 2020). "Battle Ready" takes us from Luke 3:1 through 5:26. From John the Baptist preparing the way, to the call of the 12 disciples, we'll see the start of Jesus' ministry as recorded by Luke in his gospel account.

Group Discussion

Main Text: Luke 4:14-30

Story about Elijah and the widow: 1 Kings 17:8-24

Story about Elisha and Naaman: 2 Kings 5:1-19

Getting started: *How good are you at receiving gifts from others? Why or why not?*

1. Read Luke 4:14-15. What is significant about Jesus beginning his ministry in his hometown? How is he initially received by people?
2. Read Luke 4:16. What do you think it would have been like to grow up at the same church as Jesus? What should be our takeaway from the fact that Jesus regularly attended church? What barriers do you think keep people, or yourself, from attending church regularly?
3. Read Luke 4:17-19. What stands out to you about this section? Which of these four categories of people (poor, captive, blind, oppressed) do you fall into? How has Jesus set you free in these areas?
4. Read Luke 4:25-27. Jesus tells the story of Elijah and the widow, and how she had to trust in God's promise before she saw God provide. Why is this so difficult for us? When have you been able to do this in your life?

5. In the story of Elisha and Naaman, Naaman is healed of leprosy after reluctantly washing in the Jordan River seven times. Why do you think this was so hard for Naaman? When has obedience to God felt humiliating to you? Naaman shows us that flimsy faith can be enough, as long as it's placed in Jesus. Do you ever feel like you have flimsy faith?
6. Read Luke 4:28-30. Why were these people so angry? How do you react when someone tells you something you don't really want to hear – maybe something that challenges a belief you've always had or something personally convicting?

Next Steps

There are two responses to conviction: You can be cut to the heart or you can harden your heart. Do you feel convicted about a change in your life or a next step you need to take with Jesus? Are you currently making excuses and hardening your heart? Or are you cut to the heart and ready to be obedient?



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