

# JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: Scripture Celebrates Reading & Study

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

“JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke:

‘Scripture Celebrates Reading & Study’”

(Luke 10:25-26)

## INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are focused on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. Today Jesus asks an important question, “What is written in the Law [Bible]? How do you read it?”

I. Scripture celebrates study (2 Tim. 2:7, 15) A. Concentration B. Research C. Comprehension D. Reflection

II. Potential pitfalls to study

A. Not being taught how and encouraged to do it (Mk. 4:16-17) B. Failure to pray: “Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening” (1 Sa. 3:9) C. Arrogance (Lk. 10:29; 15:2; 18:9-14; 1 Cor. 8:1) D. Laziness (2 Tim 2:15b)

III. Distractions from study (2 Kings 22:8)

A. Set aside a time to study alone (Ps. 55:17; Dan. 6:10) B. Set aside a place (Mt. 6:6) C. Get some helpful tools (2 Pet. 3:15-16) D. Faithfully study with a group (Pr. 27:17; Eccl. 4:9; Acts 5:42; 19:8-10)

IV. Benefits of study

A. It leads to salvation, teaching, rebuking, correcting, training (2 Tim. 3:15-16) B. It leads to joy, steadfastness and confidence (Ps. 119:9, 11)

## CONCLUSION

Jesus' question is timeless: "What is written in the Law [Bible]? How do you read it?" Use the acronym S-C-A-N to protect four essential truths about the Bible:

Sufficiency: God's Word is enough

Clarity: God's Word is understandable

Authority: God's Word is final

Necessity: God's Word is necessary

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

1. Our 2022 Bible study focuses on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Hebrews 4:12, For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any

double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and

marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. How do you draw

out from the Bible the needed nutrition to grow a heart full of faith?

2. Describe your current practice of Bible study:

Non-existent Average Satisfying Refreshing Alone

Helpful Boring Mediocre Fulfilling Group

3. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T F I have a good Bible that I read and study regularly.

T F I study my Bible with a group on a regular basis.

T F I've never learned how to study the Bible.

T F I've neglected studying the Bible.

T F I'm committing today to studying the Bible regularly now.

T F Only through routine, regular exposure to God's Word can I draw out

the nutrition needed to grow a heart full of faith.

4. I would grade my current study with an: A B C D F (circle one).

5. How can your study of Scripture provide fulfilling companionship with Christ?

What distracts you from meaningful Bible study? Be very specific. How could

you overcome these distractions? What action step will you take now?

6. What big mistake did young Josiah uncover regarding God's Word in 2 Kings

22? Are God's people repeating the same mistake today? How so?

7. How could regular, routine Bible study improve your:

...walk with Christ?

...mental health?

...emotional stability?

...anxiety level?

...service to others?

...witness for Christ?

...satisfaction and gratitude with life?

8. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

9. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: