

—Sermon Notes for January 2, 2021 —  
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“JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke:  
‘Our Hopes & Dreams for 2022’”

(Luke 4:16; 2 Tim. 2:15; Jn. 13:14; 2 Cor. 8:7; Eccl. 4:9; Philemon 6)

INTRODUCTION

Every Sunday of 2022, we will focus on *JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke*, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we will study and apply God’s Word. Start the year now with our six basic, Bible values. Living these values develops a strong faith, reaches the lost, and makes disciples for Christ. With these values in mind, let’s dream of a church family where:

- I. Every person values worship enough to do it weekly (Lk. 4:16)
- II. Every person values Bible study enough to read it daily and study it with a group regularly (2 Tim. 2:15)
- III. Every person values servicing enough to find and persevere in their area with excellence for Christ until He comes (Jn. 13:14)
- IV. Every person values giving enough to live within their means, tithe to their church, and make Jesus Lord over their financial world (2 Cor. 8:7)
- V. Every person values relationships enough to become and remain a meaningful part of a smaller group who share their life together for the sake of Christ (Eccl. 4:9)
- VI. Every person values sharing their faith enough to learn to do it, and then does so actively until the world knows Christ (Philemon 6)

CONCLUSION

Jesus loved the Church and gave Himself up for Her! Likewise, let’s give ourselves for His cause throughout 2022!

## —Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life —

1. Our 2021 Bible study focused on *The Gospel According to Paul*, from the life and letters of the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. In 2022, our Bible study will focus on ***JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke***, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our *Verse-of-the-Week* today is Psalm 48:1, *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!* Because of God's greatness, we embrace and live out six basic, Bible values: we value worship, Bible study, serving, giving, relationships, and sharing our faith! How well did you live these values in 2021?
2. List at least three Bible texts that speak to the importance of each of our values:
  - A. We value worship:
  - B. We value Bible study:
  - C. We value serving:
  - D. We value giving:
  - E. We value relationships:
  - F. We value sharing our faith:
3. After today's Bible study, answer the following as True or False:
  - T F I worship weekly unless I am ill, out-of-town, or must work.
  - T F I read my Bible and pray almost every day.
  - T F I study the Bible with a group of others regularly.
  - T F I have found a way to serve and help in my local church.
  - T F I support the church with my finances. I enjoy giving.
  - T F I'm intentional to befriend others and maintain relationships.
  - T F I look for opportunities to share my faith in Christ.
  - T F I invite others to worship, study, serve and connect.
  - T F A healthy local church is the hope of the world.
4. How will you serve in your church this year? Be very specific.
5. God had a plan. Can God be trusted today? Why, or why not? Use Scripture.
6. My dream for Athens Christian Church in 2022 would like this:
7. Read Luke's Gospel and his Book of Acts in the next few weeks in preparation for our 2022 Bible studies: **JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke!**
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: