SESSION FOUR

LUKE: PREPARE THE WAY



Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.

HEAR THE WORD

Watch the Session 4. Take notes on overview of the book to use as you dive into personal study this week.

READ THE WORD

Read Luke 6:1–19 each day this week. Read at least three times from the ESV and read from other translations of your choosing on the remaining days. (You can find access to additional translations at <u>biblegateway.com</u> if you don't have physical copies of the Bible.) On two days this week, also read Isaiah 53. On two days this week, also read Genesis 50:15–21.

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In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.

Luke 6:12

STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

- 1. What is something you would describe, in a modern-day religious setting, as putting a fence around the law?
- 2. What does Sabbath look like in your own life? Do you practice Sabbath? Why or why not?
- 3. As New Testament believers, we live knowing the law has been fulfilled in Christ. Still, we don't have license to sin. How do you balance freedom in Christ with the principles of the law?
- 4. Has God ever called you to do something in service to Him? Did you do it? Why or why not?
- 5. How do you choose your inner circle? Have you prayed or consulted God about whom you spend time with – who influences you and who represents you, by being associated with you? How can we follow the example of Jesus in choosing our inner circle?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share with the group something you are tempted to "adapt" in Scripture to a more legalistic interpretation (e.g., schooling our children, entertainment choices, food/drink choices, etc.).
 From a spiritual standpoint, how can this posture harm us and others?
- 2. Has God ever chosen to use someone you would not have chosen to use? How does this make you feel? What did you do with these emotions?
- 3. What does it mean to you that Jesus came to us as one of us, condescending from the right hand of the Father to live incarnate among us?
- 4. If you feel comfortable, share with the group one thing you are seeking to be healed in you. Pray for God to heal one another.