

Bible Study - God's Kingdom (The Big Picture)
Wk 6 - The Present Kingdom: Luke 1:39-80, 2:25-32

Luke was a physician, historian and travel companion of the Apostle Paul. While the historical and theological witness of all four Gospels contains many consistent themes, Luke describes for us the gospel and its application in several specific and important ways; one being that the gospel is a matter of the heart, the inner person, not mere external religion.

Opening Questions:?

1. What things in life are you certain of? What makes you certain?
2. What would make you celebrate wildly

Read Luke 1:39-80 & Read Luke 2:25-32

1. What do these verses imply about the situation before Christ came? (v67-75)

2. What Characteristics of God does Mary's song highlight?

3. What do you think it means for your soul to 'magnify/glorify the Lord'?
(a) What do you think is motivating Mary to worship?

4. What do we learn about salvation in these verses and how we should respond?

5. What are the implications for our lives? (v76-79)

6. What is the importance of Jesus being presented at the temple? (Gal 4:4-5)

7. What does it mean that Simeon has 'seen salvation'?

8. How does 2:30-32 speak to the plan of redemptive history?

9. How do the words of Mary, Zechariah and Simeon point to the fulfilment of the following passages and how should we respond?
 - (a) Genesis 12:1-3
 - (b) 2 Samuel 7:11-16
 - (c) Isaiah 9:2-7
 - (d) Isaiah 42:5-7
 - (e) Isaiah 49:5-7
 - (f) Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - (g) Malachi 3:1

Personal Reflection:

1. How do you feel seeing how clearly God has used signs and wonders to point towards Jesus as the saviour? Is God calling you to any practical application of this?
2. What can you learn from Mary and her song to encourage you to worship God joyfully and publicly?
3. Mary's song describes what God is doing in the world through Christ. In what ways, even small ones, can you be involved in this mission?