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TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Luke

Chapter 19

The King Comes to His City

MEMORY VERSE · LUKE 19:10

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Luke 19

Jesus walked into Jericho looking for one man everybody else had written off, and He called him by name. This week He is looking for you the same way — not to shame you, but to come to your house, set your life right, and give you work to do for Him until He comes back.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Luke study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

Come Down Today

READ · LUKE 19:1–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who was Zaccheus, what did he do to see Jesus, what did Jesus say to him, and what did Zaccheus promise (19:2–8)?

REFLECT

The crowd called Zaccheus "a man who is a sinner" (19:7), but Jesus called him by name and called him "a son of Abraham" (19:5, 9). What names have people put on you, and what does it mean that Jesus calls you by your name?

REFLECT

Zaccheus said he would give back "four times as much" to anyone he had cheated (19:8). Who comes to mind when you think about making things right, and what is one step you could take?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down the name of one person you have wronged, and pray about one concrete step toward making it right this week.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (LUKE 19:10)

DAY 2 OF 5

Do Business Until I Come Back

READ · LUKE 19:11–27

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the nobleman give each slave, what did he tell them to do, and what happened to each one when he returned (19:13–24)?

REFLECT

Every slave got the same mina (19:13). What has Jesus put in your hands — time, a story, a skill, people around you — that you could be using for Him?

REFLECT

The third slave hid his mina because "I was afraid of you" (19:21). Where has fear, or a harsh picture of God, kept you from doing what you know He wants?

RESPOND — TODAY

Do one small faithful thing today with what God has given you — a call, a visit, a word of encouragement — and thank Him that He sees "a very little thing" (19:17).

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DAY 3 OF 5

The King Rides In

READ · LUKE 19:28–40

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did Jesus send His disciples to get, what did they say when the owners asked, and what did the crowd shout as He came down the Mount of Olives (19:30–38)?

REFLECT

The disciples were told to say, "The Lord has need of it" (19:31). What in your life might the Lord be asking to use, and what makes it hard to hand over?

REFLECT

Jesus said that if His disciples kept quiet, "the stones will cry out!" (19:40). What keeps you quiet about Jesus around other men, and what would it look like to praise Him out loud?

RESPOND — TODAY

Spend five minutes today thanking God out loud for the things you have seen Him do in your life, the way the disciples praised Him "for all the miracles which they had seen" (19:37).

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DAY 4 OF 5

He Wept Over the City

READ · LUKE 19:41–44

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did Jesus do when He saw Jerusalem, and what reason did He give for the judgment that was coming (19:41–44)?

REFLECT

Jesus wept over a city that would reject Him (19:41). What does it tell you about His heart that He cried over people who were about to turn Him away?

REFLECT

The city "did not recognize the time of your visitation" (19:44). Where might God be visiting you right now — through a struggle, a person, His Word — that you could miss if you are not paying attention?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray by name for one person you know who does not know "the things which make for peace" (19:42), and ask God to open his eyes.

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DAY 5 OF 5

A House of Prayer

READ · LUKE 19:45–48

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did Jesus drive out of the temple, what Scripture did He quote, and how did the leaders and the people respond to Him (19:45–48)?

REFLECT

Jesus said God's house is "a house of prayer" but they had made it "a robbers' den" (19:46). What clutter or business in your life crowds out time with God?

REFLECT

The people "were hanging on to every word He said" (19:48). What would change in your week if you listened to Jesus' words like that?

RESPOND — TODAY

Set aside ten quiet minutes today with no phone, read Luke 19:1–10 again, and talk to God about what He showed you this week.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Zaccheus was willing to look foolish in front of the whole town to see Jesus (19:3–4). What does it look like for men like us to drop our pride and go after Jesus in front of others?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

The parable says the King is coming back and will ask what we did with what He gave us (19:12–15). How should knowing that Jesus is returning shape the way we spend this week?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

The same crowd that praised Jesus missed what His coming really meant (19:37–42). How can our group help each other not just cheer for Jesus but actually follow Him?

MY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You came looking for me when I was lost, and today I want to come down quickly and receive You by...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · LUKE 19:10

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."