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The Gospel of Luke is practical in application and illustration. If you're discipling a new believer, lead him or her to invest time in the Gospels. A new believer needs to study the behaviors and words of Jesus. He met people at their lowest point of desperation and emptiness. Jesus changes lives. How is Jesus changing your life?

A key theme in the Gospel of Luke is Jesus's compassion for the outcasts, the wounded, the hopeless, and the desperate.

Here are many relevant truths from the Gospel of Luke:

1. Jesus uses shepherds (Luke 2).
2. Jesus stretches disciples (Luke 5).
3. Jesus heals people (Luke 5).
4. Jesus overcame doubt (Luke 7).
5. Jesus calms storms (Luke 8).
6. Jesus models prayer (Luke 11).
7. Jesus deserves thanks (Luke 17).
8. Jesus sees everything (Luke 21).
9. Jesus forgives sin (Luke 23).
10. Jesus lives victorious (Luke 24).

Let's look at 10 biblical principles that influence our lives today:

1. Use the word impossible in an appropriate context.

Luke 1:37 – *For nothing will be impossible with God.*

2. Believe God created you with spiritual potential.

Luke 1:38 – *And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."*

3. Handle temptation God's way.

Luke 4:8 – *And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."*

4. Remember that you cannot outgive **God**.

Luke 6:38 – Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

5. Worship God by giving Him your **best**.

Luke 7:37-39 – And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."

6. Understand the cost of following Jesus as a **disciple**.

Luke 9:23 – And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

7. Pray for God to raise up more **workers**.

Luke 10:2 – And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

8. Learn the importance of sitting at Jesus's **feet**.

Luke 10:38-42 – Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

9. Believe no one is beyond the reach of **grace**.

Luke 19:10 – For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

10. Ask God to break you over the **lostness** around us.

Luke 19:41 – And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it.

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