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WITH THE EDGE

March 18 – Luke 1:1-23

Reread Luke 1:6

Zechariah and Elizabeth were “righteous before God.”

God thinks that is a big deal. The Bible says that they were great servants of God who well in obeying God.

How can you obey God today? (Think of something he wants you to do, that you struggle to do the way he wants).

March 19 – Luke 1:24-56

Reread Luke 1:46-55

This section of Luke 1 is known as the “Song of Mary.” It’s all about how good God is because it is like a worship song! She brings up a lot of amazing things about God.

Which of those things is most amazing to you?

March 20 – Luke 1:57-80

Reread Luke 1:75

After Zechariah was struck by God because of his disbelief, not being able to speak, God did what he promised; the birth of John (the Baptist). Zechariah responds by prophesying about what God will do through his son (the text says he was “filled with the Holy Spirit” God’s Words). He talks about the “redemption” that is coming. What does “redemption” mean? And how did God accomplish this?

March 21 – Luke 2:1-24

Reread Luke 2:14

Jesus must be pretty important, because at his birth, angels come and make an announcement. Jesus is more than important, he is God. And it seems odd that God would ever become a man, but there was a reason. In verse 14, the angels say that because of this child, there is “peace on earth among those with whom he is pleased.” The angels are NOT saying that there is never going to be another war, or that all people are going to be at peace all the time. He is saying that Jesus is going to make peace between God and mankind.

How can he make this happen?

March 22 – Luke 2:25-52

Two people show up at the temple when Jesus is a baby. Their names are Simeon and Anna. They were people who were waiting patiently for the Savior of Israel to come. God rewarded their patience, probably even more than they were expecting! What are some things you need to be patient about?

Who are some people you need to show patience to today?

March 23 – Luke 3

Reread Luke 3:8

John the Baptist is a fiery preacher! He calls the people out and tells them that they need to be doing good works if they say that they have repented. The people had a problem; they thought they were good with God because Abraham was their great grandpa. It's a lot like people now, thinking they are good with God because their parents are Christians.

How does a person become right with God?

March 24 – Luke 4:1-32

Reread Luke 4:3-8

Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit to go out into the wilderness and is tempted by Satan there. He hadn't eaten for 40 days and Satan tried to take advantage of that. Right when Jesus is being tempted, he thinks of Bible verses. Do you have Bible verses you have memorized that you can think of when you are tempted (verses that apply to temptations you face... look some up if you can't think of any).

March 25 – Luke 4:33-44

Reread Luke 4:41

As Jesus was doing various miracles, demons spoke through people, saying that he was the son of God. Why do you think Jesus stops them? How does he really want people to find out he is the son of God?

March 26 – Luke 5:1-16

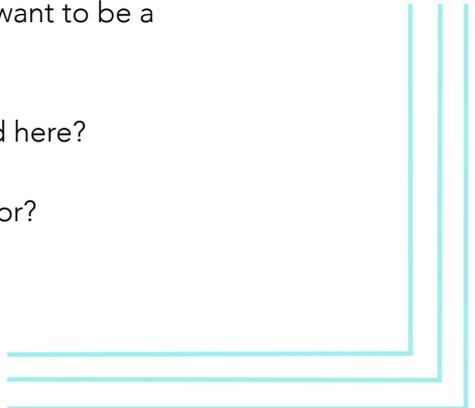
Reread Luke 5:8

It is interesting to see Peter's strong reaction to the presence of Jesus. We may know Peter as the greatest apostle, or Jesus' friend, or the first senior pastor of the early church, but he started out as a fisherman and self-professed sinner. He sees this "simple" miracle and wants Jesus to get out of there.

Why do you think he doesn't want to be a worker for Christ?

Do you ever feel like Peter did here?

What should you be praying for?



March 27 – Luke 5:17-39

Reread Luke 5:31-32

This remark was a response by Jesus to the criticism of the Pharisees and the scribes about where he was dining. It was seen as inappropriate to eat with sinners. Jesus had a plan. He was telling them the good news about salvation in him! He says that he came to earth to save sinners, not righteous people, but we know the truth is that everyone is a sinner! Jesus wants you to recognize that you are a sinner too. When did you first realize that you are a sinner?

March 28 – Luke 6:1-26

Reread Luke 6:22-23

Jesus gives a promise that seems very backwards. He says “blessed” (happy) are the people who are hated for Christ’s sake. In verse 23, Jesus tells us why ... rewards in heaven are in store for those who are faithful to him through persecution. When and where are you made fun or excluded for being a Christian and standing up for his commands?

March 29 – Luke 6:27-49

Reread Luke 6:27,35

Jesus says something that is opposite of the expectations of the people. He says that his followers should not get revenge on their enemies. He says they should love the people who don’t love them. That is seriously hard! Who are some people that it is hard for you to love?

How can you show them godly love today?

March 30 – Luke 7:1-30

Reread Luke 7:29-30

Luke comments that tax collectors and sinners accepted Jesus and John, and therefore accepted the purpose of God for them. The Pharisees and scribes on the other hand, rejected Jesus and John, and therefore rejected God. We can fall into this trap too, if we read or hear the words of the Bible, and don't do anything about them.

What have you been learning lately through the study of his word? Have you applied it (done what the Bible says to do)?

March 31 – Luke 7:31-50

Reread Luke 7:47

Before God, we are all sinners. And that is a huge deal to God and it should be to us! If a person is forgiven of sin before God, they are certainly loved much!

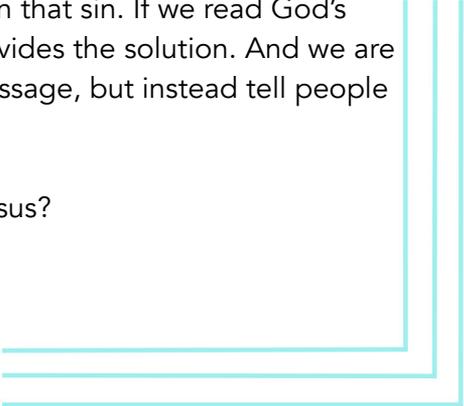
Knowing that God offered a way to be forgiven through Jesus (you are greatly loved), how does it make you want to live?

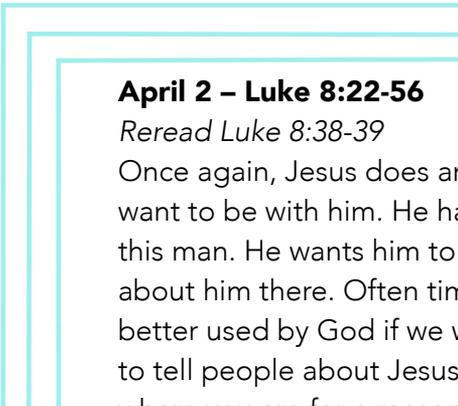
April 1 – Luke 8:1-21

Reread Luke 78:16-18

The Bible has a message for you about sin and how to be saved from God's judgment on that sin. If we read God's word, we know that Jesus provides the solution. And we are not supposed to hide that message, but instead tell people about it!

Who are you telling about Jesus?





April 2 – Luke 8:22-56

Reread Luke 8:38-39

Once again, Jesus does amazing things and people want to be with him. He has another assignment for this man. He wants him to go home and tell people about him there. Often times, we feel like we would be better used by God if we went to some far away place to tell people about Jesus. But the fact is, God has you where you are for a reason. Who do you think God wants YOU to be telling about him?

April 3 – Luke 9:1-36

Reread Luke 9:25

The world looks pretty good sometimes. It offers money, fame, success, power, and lots of “good times.” But in the end, it doesn’t offer the only thing we need: salvation. Jesus asks a great question here! What good is it for a person to have everything, if when they die, they lose it all? Why it is better to have God, rather than having all that the world has to offer?

April 4 – Luke 9:37-62

Reread Luke 9:62

Jesus tells the people that although being a part of God’s family is better than the world’s, it will still be hard. Jesus makes sure we know it is like work sometimes, but work that has great reward. We don’t need to look back and wish we still had the goods of the world. Christians are told NOT to look back here in verse 62. What are some things you need to be working on for God?

April 5 – Luke 10:1-24

Reread Luke 10:3

As you are being sent out into the world, these are not the most uplifting words to hear! But Jesus says them for a reason: it's the truth! If a person is going to live as a Christian, they will stand out and be disliked for it.

What are some way that you have been disliked for standing up for what God thinks?

April 6 – Luke 10:25-42

Reread Luke 10:36-37

Jesus tells this famous story of the Good Samaritan in response to a student of the Bible's question "who is my neighbor" (that I am supposed to love)?

The Samaritans and the Israelites hated each other, and usually didn't even interact. Jesus tell them that they should show love others, even to the Samaritans! Then Jesus tells the people to go and do likewise.

How can you be showing the love of God to people who you usually don't associate with (at school, sports, church, etc.)?



April 7 – Luke 11:1-28

Reread Luke 11:8

In the midst of his discussion on prayer, Jesus tells a parable about a man who asks his neighbor for bread in the middle of the night. It almost seems rude for him to ask, but he continues to ask as he is continually rejected. Then finally because of his “impudence” (or constant begging), the neighbor gave him the bread. With God, sometimes we just need to ask. What are some things you have asked for once or twice that you know you should be asking God for more often? Think of them and pray for them twice or three times today!

April 8 – Luke 11:29-54

Reread Luke 11:34

Jesus has some strong things to say about what we choose to look at. Jesus makes it clear that it affects our whole lives!

What are some things that Christians should not be looking at or watching? (Think at school, on TV, the internet, etc.)