

QT Questions — for Luke

May I offer you a guideline on your daily Bible reading.

- First, before you answer the questions, please be sure to read the chapter first on your own, and see for yourself what the Father has in store for you.
- Second, read the questions and allow them to steer your mind.
- Third, be sure to pray and seek the Lord's grace to focus on one thing you can obey the Father's will in the chapter.

Luke was a Gentile doctor, who served alongside the apostle Paul. God gifted Luke with a wonderful compassionate heart, which is why, he often points out the people who were hurting, the neglected, and the women, whose lives were much more difficult at this time. So, for the next 24 days, let's see the world through the eyes of this humble doctor, and enter deeper into the heart of our Heavenly Father, who loves us more we could ever love ourselves.

Luke 1 (8/13)

1. Despite their current situation (1:7, 18), what were they praying for (1:13); what can we also learn to do from this elderly couple?
2. What will be the work of this baby to be born (1:16-17, 77); how can we also learn to live like he today?
3. Both Zechariah and Mary received news that were too incredible to believe (1:18, 34)—why do you think they each responded the way they did?
4. Why do you think Mary went to visit Elizabeth, what happened, and how did that help Mary?

Luke 2 (8/14)

1. How was the census Caesar issued connected to Jesus' birth, and why was that important?
2. We would think the sign of the Savior, the Messiah, the Lord would be majestic—but what were they, and why would God use such humble things (2:12)?
3. Two people were placed in the Temple when baby Jesus was presented—who were they, and what were their messages?
4. Why couldn't the parents find Jesus on their return home, where was He, and why would that be important?
5. What are your thoughts on Jesus' birth and childhood; please connect specific verses for your thoughts?

Luke 3 (8/16)

1. John welcomed the people who came to be baptized by him, in a most unusual or even in an offensive way, some people might think—who were they, what did he say to them, and why would he say that?

2. Why would John rebuke Herod, when he probably knew it will not end well; what do we learn about John's character?
3. As we can clearly see, John was a remarkable man, obeying God in an awesome way—so why would he say that he is not worthy to untie the straps of Jesus' sandals; will you reflect if his attitude can reflect yours?
4. When you compare Luke's genealogy to Matthew's, you will find a few differences—in the middle of the genealogy, which person do you find where the division happens, and what other differences do you see in the two genealogies?

Luke 4 (8/17)

1. There were four OT quotations in Jesus' temptations—what were the meanings of the three from Jesus, and the one that was not from Jesus, what did it mean, and how was it misused?
2. Why were the people in the synagogue furious when they heard about Naaman the Syrian from Jesus?
3. Where do we find the man possessed by a demon; what can we learn about the house of worship from this?
4. Why was Jesus sent, and what does He keep on doing; thus, what must we learn to do in our lives (4:43-44)?

Luke 5 (8/18)

1. What was the reason for the fishermen to listen to the Carpenter and let down their nets again when they had failed all night long; would that also be enough for us to obey when it makes no sense to our understanding?
2. While everyone kept their distance (social distancing) from the lepers, how did Jesus choose to express His willingness to heal and clean the leper; how willing do you think our Lord is about entering into our messiness to heal and cleanse us?
3. We know the faith of other people cannot be transferred to us—so what did Jesus mean when He said to the paralyzed person, "Friend, your sins are forgiven," as He saw the faith of his friends (5:20)?
4. Do we have to have our lives straighten out before God calls us; who does He choose to call; and when He does, what does He want His called ones to do; and what does that look like in your life?

Luke 6 (8/19)

1. Why were the Pharisees watching Jesus closely to see if He would heal on the Sabbath; what would have been a better reason to watch Jesus closely?
2. In the blessings and woes, where does God want us to seek and receive our rewards, and how can we learn to keep that focus in our present lives?
3. In loving our enemies, normal things normal people can do, so what unnatural thing does God desire for you to do, and because it is more than you are able, how can you overcome what you cannot naturally do?
4. How could a speck in someone else's eye be more visible to us than a plank in our own eye; and what must we learn to do first before helping to remove the speck from the other person?

Luke 7 (8/20)

1. The Centurion's faith amazed Jesus—what kind of faith amazed the God almighty; and how can we also learn to live such amazing faith?
2. Can you picture and describe the pandemonium Jesus must have created as He told a dead person to get up and he sat up in his coffin; if you were there, how would this experience impact your life?
3. When John's disciples came to ask Jesus if He was the One, why would Jesus answer them with His work, when a simple Yes would seem more clear and direct?
4. How is the greatness of a person's love connected to one's forgiveness; is there such a thing as a small forgiveness; could there be such a thing as loving little because we have been forgiven little?

Luke 8 (8/21)

1. In the parable of the sower and Jesus' family, what is the common theme we are to learn; in what area of your life do you have trouble doing so; would you pray that you will?
2. In the story of Jesus calming the storm, we can see the two natures of Jesus—how do we see that He is fully Man, and how do we see that He is fully God?
3. Twice we are told that the people were afraid of Jesus (8:35, 37)—what was the reason for their fear of Jesus; what should they have felt instead, why?
4. After healing the woman who had been bleeding for twelve years, why didn't Jesus let her go unnoticed, but made her speak up—what do you think were some of the reasons; (will you be sure to connect one of the reason to what Jesus said in 8:48)?

Luke 9 (8/23)

1. When Jesus fed the five thousand, He could have just as easily rain on the people the food, as He did with manna, but He didn't—why do you think He didn't; who did He use to feed the people, and why do you think that was?
2. Why do you think Jesus wants His disciples to deny themselves in order to follow Him; where in your life do you find denying yourself your greatest struggle?
3. To see Peter, John and James sleepy, what does that say about following Jesus; and what was the topic of discussion for Jesus, Moses and Elijah?
4. When Jesus brought in a little child to stand before the disciples, why was that; whenever we hear God's word that's really challenging, why is that; what was the most challenging word from God you heard lately, and how have you responded?

Luke 10 (8/24)

1. No good shepherd would ever send his lambs among the wolves—so, why would Jesus place us among them; how should we pray when God sends us among the wolves?
2. What were the reasons for Jesus' full of joy through the Holy Spirit?
3. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the normally helpful people passed by on the other side, while the normally outcast person took pity on the wounded person—how did the Samaritan lived extravagantly; how can we live extravagantly?

4. What was Martha's struggle in her service, which we must not learn; and what does Jesus want us to imitate from Mary; will you write out a sincere prayer for both things in your life?

Luke 11 (8/25)

1. What stands out to you most about Jesus' teaching on prayer; what does Jesus teach about the Father's heart; and what should His children do before our heavenly Father?
2. It is so sad to see some people impute ill will on Jesus when He is doing so much good—will you examine and see when you might have done this, and will you pray that our God will gently show you when you do, and genuinely repent?
3. How can you see to it that the light within you is not darkness but full of light?
4. From the many woes, which message does our God use to speak to your heart most; how can you change to be obedient to God's will?

Luke 12 (8/26)

1. What does our God want us to learn when He compares our lives with the worth of many sparrows and the hairs of our heads; will you pray that when you are down on yourself, you will remember this message of God to you?
2. Why does Jesus say that life does not consist in an abundance of possessions; what is He teaching us about treasures; how are you trying to live this truth in your life?
3. It is natural for us to worry if we do not have enough for the future—so, how does our God minister to us for the things that worry us?
4. What are we to be watchful for?

Luke 13 (8/27)

1. Jesus is saying that the cause of a person's death is not an indication of how that person lived—so, what is He warning the people about?
2. Can you identify the reason for the synagogue leader's indignation; will you examine if you have also acted this way; and how does Jesus' argument of untying animals permit healing on the Sabbath?
3. What was the lesson of the mustard seed and the yeast; how does it apply to your life?
4. Why would the entrance to God's kingdom be narrow, when a broader door will welcome so many more; how is God's goodness displayed through the narrow door?

Luke 14 (8/28)

1. With kind of heart did the Pharisee carefully watched Jesus; what does that say about the Pharisees; and what does that say about Jesus?
2. Why does our Lord want us to invite the people who cannot repay back to us; where does our Lord want us to be repaid; does that work for you?
3. In the parable of the Great Banquet, why were the invitees refusing to come; what were they not getting about this banquet; and what would cause them (and us) to eagerly accept this invitation?
4. We know God wants us to love our family—so how do we reconcile with His teaching here to hate our family?

Luke 15 (8/30)

1. Who does Jesus welcome and eat with (15:2); why would this be good news to you; is it really?
2. In the parable of the lost sheep—why go through all the trouble trying to find the sheep that gave Him so much trouble to begin with; sometimes a bad sheep is not worth it, so why not cut the loss and move on?
3. In the parable of the lost coin—what was the point of her rejoicing; what brings God the most joy; how do you want to bring God His greatest joy?
4. In the parable of the lost son—how does the Father “search” like the above two parables for his lost son?
5. Will you reflect on both sons and share your thoughts—what should they each repent of, and what should they each be thankful for?

Luke 16 (8/31)

Allow me to encourage you, that at times, it’s ok to not answer everything. Remember, the purpose is not answering all the questions. Likewise, it’s also ok to spend more time than usual on some questions, especially when it probes deeper into our hearts and lives (and I think this chapter does). So, stay awhile, take your time to savor His word, and answer them humbly.

1. We know God is not pleased when we deceive others like the manager was doing to his master—so, what was Jesus’ point in commending the dishonest manager’s use of worldly wealth?
2. We are given three serious separate comparisons in verses 10, 11, and 12—please take the time to compare each one, and pray how we will live after His ways.
3. We are told that we cannot serve both God and money—why are we told that is, and have you had the struggle to try to live serving both; can you explain the relationship of both in your life today?
4. What is the main takeaway from the story of the rich man and Lazarus; can you explain what the mindset of the rich man was in hell?

Luke 17 (9/1)

Today is the first day of school for many—let’s lift up our children, the students, and let’s lift up the teachers and educators, for our Lord to protect each of them, and to bless them with His truth and grace to fill their hearts and minds.

1. Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come—what must we not be involved with; how can we be careful to not be involved with; and what must we do if we were involved?
2. Apparently the apostles thought great faith would be needed to be so forgiving—where does Jesus point in response to their request; and what does that say about faith; what’s the most important component of faith?
3. Why was Jesus asking where the nine cleansed lepers were; what does He want us to do each time, after receiving a wonderful blessing; please start at home each day and expand to others—please pray for genuine expressions each time?
4. Why are Noah, Lot and the Son of Man grouped together; what must we heed?

Luke 18 (9/2)

1. Why compare God to an uncaring, unjust judge; what kind of God is He to you?
2. What was wrong with tax collectors; and what was wrong with the Pharisees; what does our God desire from His people?
3. What do we have to give up to inherit eternal life; must we sell everything we have in order to earn our salvation; what's needed for our eternal life?
4. Jesus is called by two names (in 18:35-43)—what are the significances of each names?
5. What did this blind man asked from Jesus, and what did He receive—what will you ask from Jesus?

Luke 19 (9/3)

1. Jesus told Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today"—what impact did Jesus entering into his house (and into his heart) produce; what fruit of salvation do you see in your life as an evidence of His entering into your life?
2. The master replied, "I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant"—what was happening in this story; what would happen to you if you were judged by your own words?
3. The Lord sent two of His disciples to go get the colt, and the permission to get it was, "The Lord needs it"—imagine in this event, how the owner would have permitted strangers to come and take away his valuable property; if you were asked to give away your precious treasures with no other explanation than "the Lord needs it," will you today give what's yours?
4. Jesus called the Temple, "My house will be a house of prayer"—in order to be what God designed His house to be, what did He do; what do you do in order to help build our church into His house of prayer; how is your life being built more into His house of prayer?

Luke 20 (9/4)

1. In 20:7, the Jewish leaders would not answer Jesus' question honestly—why would they do that; have you also withheld honest answers because otherwise you might get in trouble; is that the right thing to do before God?
2. In 20:19, the Jewish leaders "looked for a way to arrest Him immediately"—why; what should they have done instead?
3. What did Jesus mean, to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's; have you learned to give to God what is God's?
4. What does it mean that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living; how "living" is God in your daily life?

Luke 21 (9/6)

1. Jesus is not teaching for everyone to give all our treasures and have nothing for ourselves to live on—so what is He teaching us when He is commending the poor widow's sacrificial offering, and why are we told that Jesus saw both worshipers giving their offering?
2. In 21:8, Jesus tells us to be watchful—what does He want us to watch out for; what can you do to avoid what He is warning you about?

3. In 21:14, Jesus wants us to “make up our minds to not worry beforehand,” which means, there will be many good reasons to worry us—so, what are we to not worry about, and how can we not worry what would normally make us worry?
4. In the midst of such anxiety producing events in our world—what will ultimately claim the climax of all things; do you believe such climax will come; and if you do, how are you preparing yourself for it (21:27-28)?

Luke 22 (9/7)

1. Some genuine emotions and feelings are terribly wrong—what brought “delight” to the Jews; do we sometimes have genuine emotions that are truly terrible, if you do, please make the time to humbly repent before our loving Father (22:5)?
2. Why did Jesus break the bread before He gave it to His disciples to eat; and why would Jesus say that the cup is poured out; who did He pour out for (22:19-20)?
3. In 22:27, Jesus establishes that the one who is at the table and is served is the greater one—so why is He among those who serves; which side of the table do you want to be, at the table or the one who serves?
4. Jesus prayed, “Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me,”—so, why was the Father unwilling to take the cup away from His Son; what kind of Father does that make Him; how could such Father be a gracious and kind Father to us?
5. Did you notice the two time lines on this chapter, the darkness of the night (22:53) and the daybreak (22:66)—what were the behaviors and words that followed each of the two time lines?

Luke 23 (9/8)

1. In 23:2, the Jews charged Jesus with two claims—what were they, and how wrong were they, can you find the specific Scriptures that refute their claims?
2. What were Jesus’ first words after His crucifixion, and why would He pray such an unusual prayer?
3. The other criminal rebuked the other criminal, how could that be enough to be saved from a life of crime he lived, or how can a person be saved, despite one’s life of crime or evil?
4. Why were the women preparing spices and perfumes, when Joseph had already done that; and why were they resting on the Sabbath, when they could have been at Jesus’ tomb?

Luke 24 (9/9)

Dear brothers and sisters, Congratulations! We have completed the first three gospels. I believe the most important discipline in the Christian walk is our daily spiritual feeding with God’s word. You are all walking faithfully with our Lord in His word. Praise the Lord for each of you. Let’s continue to walk with our Lord nearly and dearly, as we pray that He will truly be our first and greatest love of our lives.

1. In 24:11, why did the women words’ seemed like nonsense to them; when it is really difficult for you to understand and believe, will you remember this passage and pray that our God will give you a humble spirit to accept His truth over your thoughts?

2. In 24:32, what was the reason why their hearts were burning within them? Let's earnestly pray that our hearts will also burn within us for the same reason.
3. After this experience, what did these two disciples do immediately; why do you think that is?
4. In 24:45, why did Jesus opened their minds; what must our minds first be opened to; besides our daily Bible reading, are there other ways you are seeking to have your minds opened and filled with His will?
5. In 24:50-53, how did Jesus depart from them, and what was the rightful response to such ascension; how willing, committed, prepared, and invested are you to also respond rightly each Lord's Day?
 - (May we not continue as we have always done, but for each worship, let's prayerfully seek an even better way to prepare and to offer the worship in the way He truly deserves. May His worth be the reason why it inspires us to worship better each time we offer our worship to Him. So, may I encourage you, pray and change, in every which way, if only it will prepare us to worship Him better.)