

## A Prayer for Community

Join us in this prayer throughout our series:

Almighty God, you have created all people and all of creation. We give you thanks that we are invited to engage with hope, joy and love as your disciples. Open our hearts and eyes to see our communities as you would have us see them. Help us to find courage to sit and hear others when we so often want to be heard first. Help us to become known and create spaces for others to be known. You are good and gracious, O God. Let us see all people as your children. We pray all these things in your name.

Amen.

## A Spiritual Discipline to Try

Spiritual disciplines refer to regular practices that help us become more rooted in God. Much like the daily discipline of exercising or reading produces benefits in our lives, spiritual disciplines provide holistic benefits or fruit for our lives. Scripture reading, prayer, giving thanks, giving financially, worship, and serving are all examples of spiritual disciplines. During this series, you might consider trying a style of discernment as a spiritual discipline.

One practice of discernment is engaging with your community and relationships with fresh eyes (God's eyes). We ask for God's discernment or eyes to help us see people who are not being seen – perhaps who are incognito. Consider taking a walk around your neighborhood or office and during your walk, ask God to show you new people and to notice new things. Perhaps you have driven by someone or something many times before – maybe even years – and prior to that moment, that thing or person was unknown to you; incognito. When we take the time to slow down and notice, God can give us the eyes to see people we have lived with or been near for years and then, perhaps, God will open our hearts to get to know them and see them as God sees.

## Books in the Resource Center

Check out the following books in our Resource Center located outside of the Worship Center.



**Jesus Outside the Lines**  
Scott Sauls



**Luke**  
N.T. Wright



**Acts**  
N.T. Wright



**Luke**  
Navpress



**Acts**  
Navpress

## Videos on RightNow Media

Check out the following resources on RightNow Media: Don't have an account yet? Head to [jacobsowellchurch.church/rightnow-media/](http://jacobsowellchurch.church/rightnow-media/) to get a free account through Jacob's Well!



**Luke Series**  
Eyewitness



**Acts Series**  
Eyewitness



**Lucky**  
Glenn Packiam



**How to Start a Riot**  
Jonathon Stormont



**True Story**  
Compassion Canada

## Next Steps

**Check Out JW Grow...** a place where we can take steps in community to become more like Jesus. Every Tuesday at 6pm, we offer classes that equip you to live out your faith in areas such as marriage, parenting, reading your Bible, etc... Just go to our website to see the full list of class options. Sign up for one while you are there!

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
Sign up individually for each class that interests you!  
[jacobsowellchurch.church/jw-grow](http://jacobsowellchurch.church/jw-grow)

**Fill Out a Connection Card:** Sometimes our first step to becoming known is to say "I'm here!" Grab a connection card in the seat back and fill it out – whether to update your address, request prayer for something, or to get connected. And if you're new here, make sure to stop by the New Here Room so we can meet you!



## LUKE READING PLAN

Feb 1/2 – Apr 11/12, 2020

## Diving Deeper: Scripture Study

Much of the Bible talks about God's work through communities of people. From the beginning of time, He created people to do life with one another.

He established a community of people to live out His plans. And He revealed Himself to communities of people to carry out His mission to the ends of the earth. We are no different! The following passages of Scripture shed light on what it means to live as part of God's community. If you aren't familiar with studying the Bible or need some reminders on good practices, here are a few tips:

- 1** Find a quiet place to study the Word. Resist the need to rush – there's plenty of that in the rest of the world! Set aside time and find a space where you are comfortable to meet with God. Open and close with prayer, and ask God to reveal Himself to you. He will meet you there.
- 2** Consider keeping a journal to keep track of your thoughts and record your prayers. It's amazing how, when we look back on what we have written, we can see clearly how God has been moving in our lives.
- 3** If something seems hard to understand, come back to some basic questions: What do you notice? What surprises or intrigues you about the text? Where do you see God in the text? What is the story or narrative being told? Focus on spending time with God in His Word and resist the urge to "have it all figured out".



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"Read Through Luke" is a companion podcast for our new series, Luke: Turning The World Upside Down. Join our Lead Pastor Paul Berthiaume, and Worship Pastor Joshua Skoyen each week as we journey through this book together. To listen and subscribe, search "Jacob's Well Church" on major podcast apps.

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## Read Through Luke Weekly Reading Plan

- Week One:** February 1-7 Luke 1:1-2:38
- Week Two:** February 8-14 Luke 2:39-3:20
- Week Three:** February 15-21 Luke 3:21-6:16
- Week Four:** February 22-28 Luke 6:17-8:3
- Week Five:** February 29-March 6 Luke 8:4-9:37
- Week Six:** March 7-13 Luke 9:38-10:24
- Week Seven:** March 14-20 Luke 10:25-12:34
- Week Eight:** March 21-27 Luke 12:35-14:35
- Week Nine:** March 28-April 3 Luke 15:1-19:27
- Week Ten:** April 4-April 10 Luke 19:28-23:56
- Week Eleven:** April 11- April 17 Luke 24:1-53

## Notes for Luke

Want space to write down your thoughts about the Book of Luke? Here's some!

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