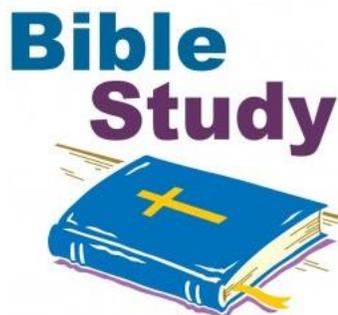


Listening and Talking . . .

We are happy and excited to begin a new Bible Study program – Listening to the great stories of Luke’s Gospel again for the first time. It is being offered twice a week: (1) Adult Sunday school beginning 9:00 AM on July 17, and (2) Wednesdays beginning 10:30 AM on July 27. Most scholars agree that the Gospel of Luke – one of the first four books of the New Testament – was written for Gentiles (non-Jewish identity), emphasizing both the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to this Bible study offering challenges for faith and spiritual growth.

Each participant will do well to have the book, *Following Jesus with Luke*, by Stonecroft Ministries (Harvest House Publishers, 2013). Your price is only \$7.25/book. Also, please have your favorite translation of the Bible, such as the New International Version (NIV). I personally prefer the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

There are nine chapters in our study guide, *Following Jesus with Luke*. However, our study program may take longer than nine sessions. Because our study guide is like a workbook with questions and readings, the pace of our groups will determine the length of our program.



Each chapter of *Following Jesus with Luke* includes Scripture verses to investigate, discussion questions for both personal and group reflection, as well as prayer application. In the back of each chapter is a section called “Thoughts, Notes, and Prayer Requests.” There is a section in the back of the book for additional thoughts, reactions, and reflections. Please use this book in any way that will help you grow in your relationships with God and all creation.

While attending to the Gospel of Luke, Stonecroft provides an awareness of other Biblical evangelists sharing the teachings of Jesus. Stonecroft Ministries includes thoughts from other resources into this Gospel. Since Luke is an “orderly account,” Stonecroft gives special attention to the sequence of the narrative.

This Bible study aims to help everyone approach the Bible more confidently and so begin to listen to God’s Word more effectively. I hope you can take advantage of this opportunity.

Blessings on all as we Journey together,

Pastor Tom Cici