

ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# BIBLE FOR ALL (BFA) MATERIAL FOR DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

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## Luke – Discipleship

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**Jesus the Rejected King**

**PREPARE (INDIVIDUAL): READ AND UNDERSTAND**

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*Luke 19:28-48*

**Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

<sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

<sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

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Luke 19:28-48

### Jesus at the Temple

<sup>45</sup> When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. <sup>46</sup> “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be a house of prayer’; but you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”

<sup>47</sup> Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. <sup>48</sup> Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

Luke 20:9-26

### The Parable of the Tenants

<sup>9</sup> He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. <sup>10</sup> At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

<sup>13</sup> “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

<sup>14</sup> “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?”

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>19</sup> The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

### Paying Taxes to Caesar

<sup>20</sup> Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. <sup>21</sup> So the spies questioned him: “Teacher, we know that you speak and

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*Luke 20:9-26*

teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. <sup>22</sup> Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>23</sup> He saw through their duplicity and said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>26</sup> They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.

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## GROUP: STUDY

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Consider Luke 19:28-48. How does this sequence of events establish Jesus as King?



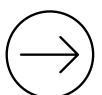
What questions do you have about this passage?

What is Jesus saying about himself in Luke 20:9-18?



What is the main idea of the passage?

Think about the actions of the scribes and the chief priests in Luke 20:19-26 and compare them to the actions of the tenants in Luke 20:9-18. What strikes you here?



What is the Spirit leading you to do in obedience to this passage? What applications have you made to your life and faith?

## **GROUP: DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS**

The Pharisees sought to preserve the temple and its accepted practices within society's status quo of the moment. They had good intentions, but the result was rejection of Jesus their King. In what way(s) have we also done this?

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*Luke 20:27-47*

### **The Resurrection and Marriage**

<sup>27</sup> Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. <sup>28</sup> “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. <sup>30</sup> The second <sup>31</sup> and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. <sup>32</sup> Finally, the woman died too. <sup>33</sup> Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. <sup>35</sup> But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, <sup>36</sup> and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ <sup>38</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the teachers of the law responded, “Well said, teacher!” <sup>40</sup> And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

### **Whose Son Is the Messiah?**

<sup>41</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Why is it said that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>42</sup> David himself declares in the Book of Psalms:

“The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand

<sup>43</sup> until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

<sup>44</sup> David calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”

### **Warning Against the Teachers of the Law**

<sup>45</sup> While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>46</sup> “Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. <sup>47</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

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## The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

<sup>5</sup> Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup> “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

<sup>8</sup> He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup> And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> Stand firm, and you will win life.

<sup>20</sup> “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. <sup>22</sup> For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. <sup>23</sup> How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup> They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

*Luke 21:5-28*

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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Consider all the controversies being answered by Jesus in Luke 20:20-47. What is Jesus saying about what the kingdom of God is, and is not?



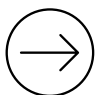
What questions do you have about this passage?

What are disciples of Christ meant to value?



What is the main idea of the passage?

Jesus tells of a hard life ahead for his disciples then. What encouragement does he give them? Does the same apply to us today?



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## **GROUP: DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS**

What misconceptions do we have about following Jesus means and what his kingdom looks like?