

LET 2023 BFA Equipping

For Building A Disciple-Making Church

14 Jan 2023

Practising Discipleship through the New BFA Format

- Prepare:
 - Read and Understand
 - Look Back
- Group Time
 - Share and Prayer (20 mins)
 - Worship (10 mins)
 - Study (1 hr)
 - Discipleship Focus (30 mins)

BFA Equipping for LET

1. Surveying the Context (10 mins)
 2. Finding the Big Idea for Lk 5:1-32 (10 mins)
 3. Discussing Applications (10 mins)
- Reading Material (Lk 6:1-11, 20-26 Big Idea and Application Pointers)

Surveying the Context

Overview:

Luke Begins with The Primacy of the Word and its Fulfilment

Since many have attempted to compile an account concerning the events that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as those who were eyewitnesses and servants of the word from the beginning passed on to us. . . (Lk 1:1)

Luke presented the birth of John the Baptist, in the spirit of Elijah. Lk 1:17 fulfils Mal 4:5-6

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; . . .” Mal 3:1

Jesus suddenly appeared in the temple in Lk 2, as a baby, then as a boy.

ONE BOOK

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Luke Concludes with

- Luk 24:44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must (‘dei’ in Greek) be fulfilled.”
- Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
- Luk 24:46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,
- Luk 24:47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- Luk 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

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Broad Outline of Luke—A Discipleship Training Manual

- I. John the Baptist and Jesus Parallels (1:1–4:13)
- II. Galilean Ministry (4:14–9:50)
- III. Journey to Jerusalem (9:51–19:27)
- IV. Triumphal Entry through Ascension (19:28–24:53)

The Galilean Ministry Begins with: The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

Surface Key Themes of Luke:

- Jesus as the Suffering & Rejected Prophet-Messiah
 - *For Salvation Inclusive of Gentiles and the poor*
 - *According to God's Plan—*

Spoken of by Isaiah, Foreshadowed by Elijah & Elisha

Lk 4:16-30

The Galilean Ministry Ends with: A High Point with the Call to Discipleship in Lk 9:20-35

- Who do you say I am
- What I have come to do
- So What? How you are to respond

Presenting the Gospels' Central Concern:

- **Luk 9:20** Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Appears also in

Mt 16:15

Mk 8:29.

- **Lk 9: 22** And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected . . . he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

Appears also in

Mt 16:21,

Mk 8:31.

How are we to respond?

- Call to Discipleship – “deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (9:23)
- Transfiguration-And a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!” 9:35

*Appears also in
Mt 16:24-28; 17:5; Mk 8:34-38, 9:7*

Finding the Big Idea of 5:1-32

Finding the Big Idea in Lk 5:1-32

Structure Tool

1. Segment the text

- **calling of Peter. vv. 1-11**
- **cleansing of the leper. vv. 12-16**
- **curing of the paralytic. vv. 17-26**
- **conversion of Levi. vv. 27-32**

Repetition Tool

2. What is common among the beneficiaries of these 4 accounts?

3. Who are the authorities in their fields in these accounts, how do they differ from Christ and His authority (which is being challenged)?

4. What is common in the outcomes of each miracle?

5. What do all these tell us about Christ and His concerns/mission?

Example on the Use of “Repetition tool”

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Story 2: Leper

- 5:12 “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”

Story 3: Paralytic man

- 5:20 And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”
- Luk 5:23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?
- Luk 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —

Story 4: Levi

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Message/Big Idea

- **Jesus**, the Lord and Saviour who came for sinners/outcasts, who alone has the unique divine authority to forgive and **transform** their unfruitful vocation or **hopeless situations/lives** into fruitful ones for **His mission**.

Discussing Applications

Author's Purpose Tool

Why do you think the Holy Spirit inspired these accounts for us?

So that we may:

- Embrace
 - Christ's Lordship and unique authority,
 - Our sinfulness & fruitlessness and hence our universal desperate need for Him,
- Put confidence not in ourselves/our professionalism but in Christ's authority and ability to forgive, heal & transform our life and vocation, to →
- Join Him in His mission (taking steps beyond repentance).

"So What?" Tool → Discipleship Outcomes

How do these 4 accounts empower *us* for Christ's mission?

Learning	Loving	Living

Reading material

Finding the Big Idea of Lk 6:1-11, 20-26.

The Structure Tool

Segment and title the units

- Luk 6: 1-5 **The center of Sabbath is Jesus**
Conclusion by Jesus: **Luk 6:5** And he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”
- Luk 6: 6-11 **The concern of Sabbath is man’s well-being**
Key Rhetorical question: **Luk 6:9** And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?”
- Luk 6:12-19 The calling of Jesus to be with Him
Key actions, He called, chose, named them, and came down with them (Luk 6:13, 17). They shared in his dangers (without [v. 11, 22] and within [v. 16]), ministry and mission.
- Luk 6: 20-26 **The celebration/condemnation of one’s life**
The punchline: The reason some are blessed, and others are accursed, given in **Luk 6:23**, echoed in v. 26.

- **The center of Sabbath is Jesus:** He defines how we rightly or wrongly practice our Sabbath, and all our spiritual rituals and disciplines to connect and commune with God.
- **The concern of Sabbath is man's well-being:** The healing and restoration of wholeness in man.
- The (high) calling (and cost/vulnerability) to be with Jesus: This segment parallels Moses formation of Israel at Mt Sinai. It prepares for Jesus giving of “new Law”, the beatitudes, at the plain where the people are. It is used to highlight the yellow segments—what it means to be Jesus’ disciples, His new people, which is to have a Christ-centered lifestyle and perspective)
- **The celebration/condemnation of one's life:** Based on God's end-time appraisal of one's relationship with Jesus.

The Big Idea

- **True End-Day success is Christ and other-centered spirituality and ethics.**

Discussing Applications

Author's Purpose Tool

Why do you think the Holy Spirit gives us this text?

That we may respond to Christ call to become His disciples, by making Christ the center in three key areas of our life,

1. In our **spiritual disciplines/worship life**
2. In our **treatment of others**, through
our calling and willingness to be vulnerable
3. Because of **our perspective**, what we celebrate as success and grieve over as failures in following Jesus.

Application Pointers

“So What?” Tool → Discipleship Outcomes

1. How do we commune more with Christ? What should we learn, love and live out
2. How do we care like Christ? What should we learn, love, and live out
3. How do we conform to Christ—in how we measure success, failures, and sufferings? What should we learn, love and live out.