SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Luke

Chapter 10

Lambs, Neighbors and the One Thing

MEMORY VERSE · LUKE 10:41-42

"But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.""

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Luke 10

In Luke 10 Jesus sends ordinary men out ahead of Him, reminds them that their names written in heaven matter more than anything they accomplish, and shows what love looks like on a dangerous road. Then He sits a busy woman down and tells her only one thing is necessary. This week He wants to send you out — and sit you down at His feet.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Luke study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

Lambs Among Wolves

READ · LUKE 10:1–16

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How did Jesus send the seventy out, what did He tell them to pray, and what were they to say to a house and to a city (10:1–2, 5, 9)?

REFLECT

Jesus told them to pray for laborers and then said, "Go" (10:2–3). Who have you been praying for that you could actually go and see, call or help this week?

REFLECT

Jesus said it would be "more tolerable" for Sodom than for the towns that saw His miracles and did not repent (10:12–15). What has God already shown you that you have not yet acted on?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray Luke 10:2 out loud for one specific person by name, and then take one step this week to be part of the answer.

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DAY 2 OF 5

Names Written in Heaven

READ · LUKE 10:17–20

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What were the seventy excited about when they came back, and what did Jesus tell them to rejoice in instead (10:17, 20)?

REFLECT

Jesus said, "do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you" (10:20). What do you tend to feel good about — results, compliments, how well things are going — that could become the wrong kind of joy?

REFLECT

Your name is "recorded in heaven" (10:20) because of grace, not your record. How does that change the way you look at your worst days and your past?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down three things you are grateful God did for you, not things you did for God, and thank Him for each one.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Revealed to Infants

READ · LUKE 10:21–24

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Why did Jesus rejoice, who did He say the Father hid these things from, and who did He reveal them to (10:21)?

REFLECT

Jesus thanked the Father for revealing truth "to infants" and hiding it from "the wise and intelligent" (10:21). Where does pride or wanting to look like you have it together keep you from learning from God?

REFLECT

Jesus told the disciples, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see" (10:23). What have you seen of Jesus in the last year that men before you longed to see?

RESPOND — TODAY

Come to God today like a child: tell Him one thing you do not understand and ask Him plainly to show you.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Go and Do the Same

READ · LUKE 10:25–37

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the priest and the Levite do when they saw the man, and what did the Samaritan do (10:31–35)?

REFLECT

The lawyer asked, "And who is my neighbor?" wanting to "justify himself" (10:29). Where have you tried to draw a line around who you have to love?

REFLECT

All three men saw the hurt man, but only one "came to him" (10:33–34). Who is the man on your road you keep passing by — and what would it cost you to stop?

RESPOND — TODAY

Do one concrete act of mercy today for someone who cannot pay you back, and remember while you do it that Jesus stopped for you first.

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DAY 5 OF 5

The One Thing

READ · LUKE 10:38–42

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What was Martha doing, what was Mary doing, and what did Jesus say was necessary (10:39–42)?

REFLECT

Martha was "distracted with all her preparations" and "worried and bothered about so many things" (10:40–41). What are the "many things" pulling you in every direction right now?

REFLECT

Jesus said Mary chose "the good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (10:42). What would it look like for you to sit at Jesus' feet before you start serving each day?

RESPOND — TODAY

Set aside fifteen minutes tomorrow morning before anything else — phone off, Bible open — and simply listen to His word.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Jesus sent the seventy out “in pairs” (10:1). Who in our group could pair up this month to visit, encourage or serve someone together?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

The Samaritan was the man the lawyer would least expect to be the hero (10:33). Who are the people our community tends to look down on, and how might God be calling us to love them?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Martha was serving Jesus and missing Jesus at the same time (10:40–42). How can we help each other keep time at His feet first when life and ministry get busy?

MY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You stopped on the road for me and wrote my name in heaven, so today I sit at Your feet and ask You to…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · LUKE 10:41–42

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