

THE WAY

Group/Individual Study

Week 2: January 22

Title: Overview of the Book of Luke

Biblical Passage: Luke 1:1-4

The Question: *What or who defines you?*

Core Point

Studying, meditating and living God's Word redefines our lives. As we pursue Jesus in this way, we hear from Him and our lives are redefined. Pursuing Jesus through the Word illuminates our true identity and our kingdom purpose.

Getting Focused

1. Read Luke 1:1-4.
 - a. Who wrote this letter and who was it written to?
 - b. Why do you think the recipient of this book was called "most excellent"?
 - c. Reflect on verse 4. Do you know the exact truth about what you have been taught?
 - d. How does knowing the Scriptures "redefine" the way God sees you and how you view yourself?
2. Luke was redefined by the truth. He sacrificed his earthly identity (Jewish doctor) for a greater kingdom purpose.
 - a. Do you define yourself by what you do or by who you are in Christ?
 - b. Our goal is to become like Jesus and do the work He has given us, not just adhere to His teachings. Talk about what that means for you.
 - c. What do you need to reprioritize in order to move closer to Him and your true identity?
3. Read the introduction to *Jesus, The One and Only* out loud together.
 - a. The author has been redefined and has walked into the kingdom purpose for her life. From what you read, what brought about her redefinition?
 - b. How do you think she discovered her kingdom purpose?

Group Reflection

We are redefined as we renew our minds with the truth. One way to do that is to meditate on Scripture. Read the back of the bookmark that you received with *Jesus, The One and Only*. As a group, discuss your experience with meditation and commit to trying it this week. Do you see the value in this? Why or why not?

Our Prayer for One Another and our Community

May you believe in God. But may you come to see that God believes in you. May you have faith in Jesus. But may you come to see that Jesus has faith that you can be like Him. A person of love and compassion and truth. A person of forgiveness, and peace, and grace, and joy, and hope. And may you be covered in the dust of your rabbi, Jesus.

For Upward Basketball: For kids to understand their true identity and purpose.