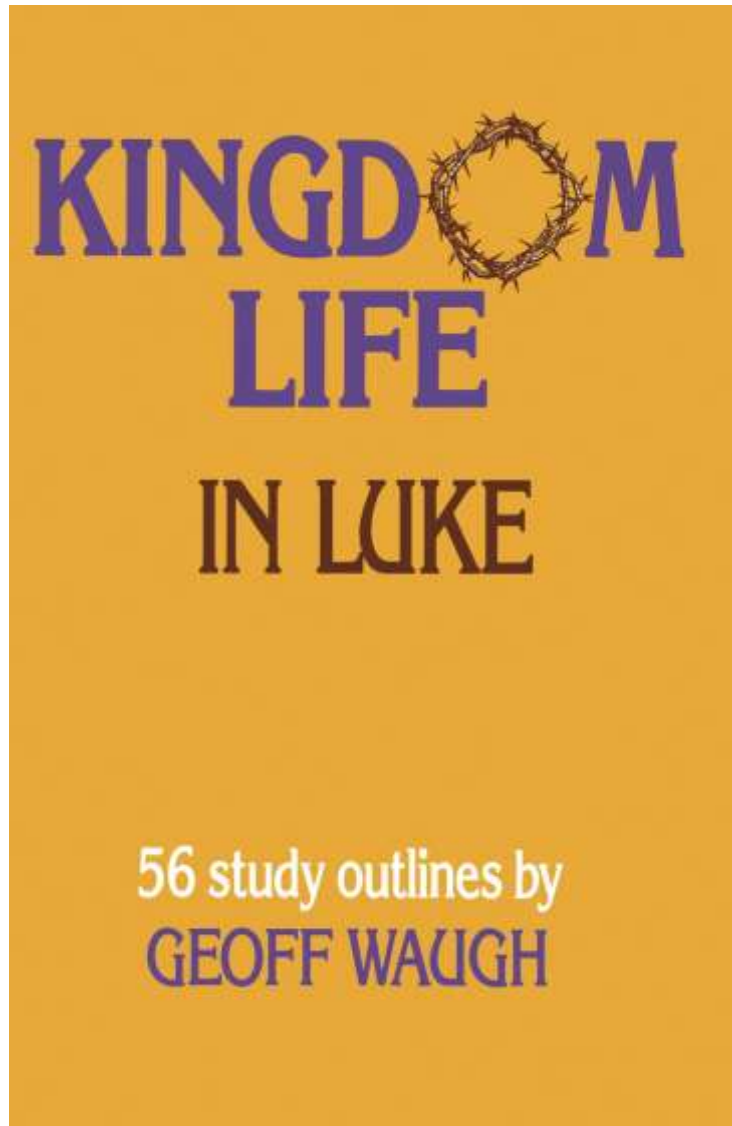


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Part I THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS

These studies include the Sundays for Advent and Christmas and the Other Sundays of the lectionary year except for the period of Lent to Pentecost.

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. The Christmas season includes the Sundays from Christmas Day (25 December) to 5 January. Other Sundays commence with Epiphany from 6 January and continue till the Sunday before Lent which is on the Transfiguration each year. Other Sundays then continue after Pentecost and Trinity Sunday through to Sunday 34, Christ the King, the Sunday before Advent.

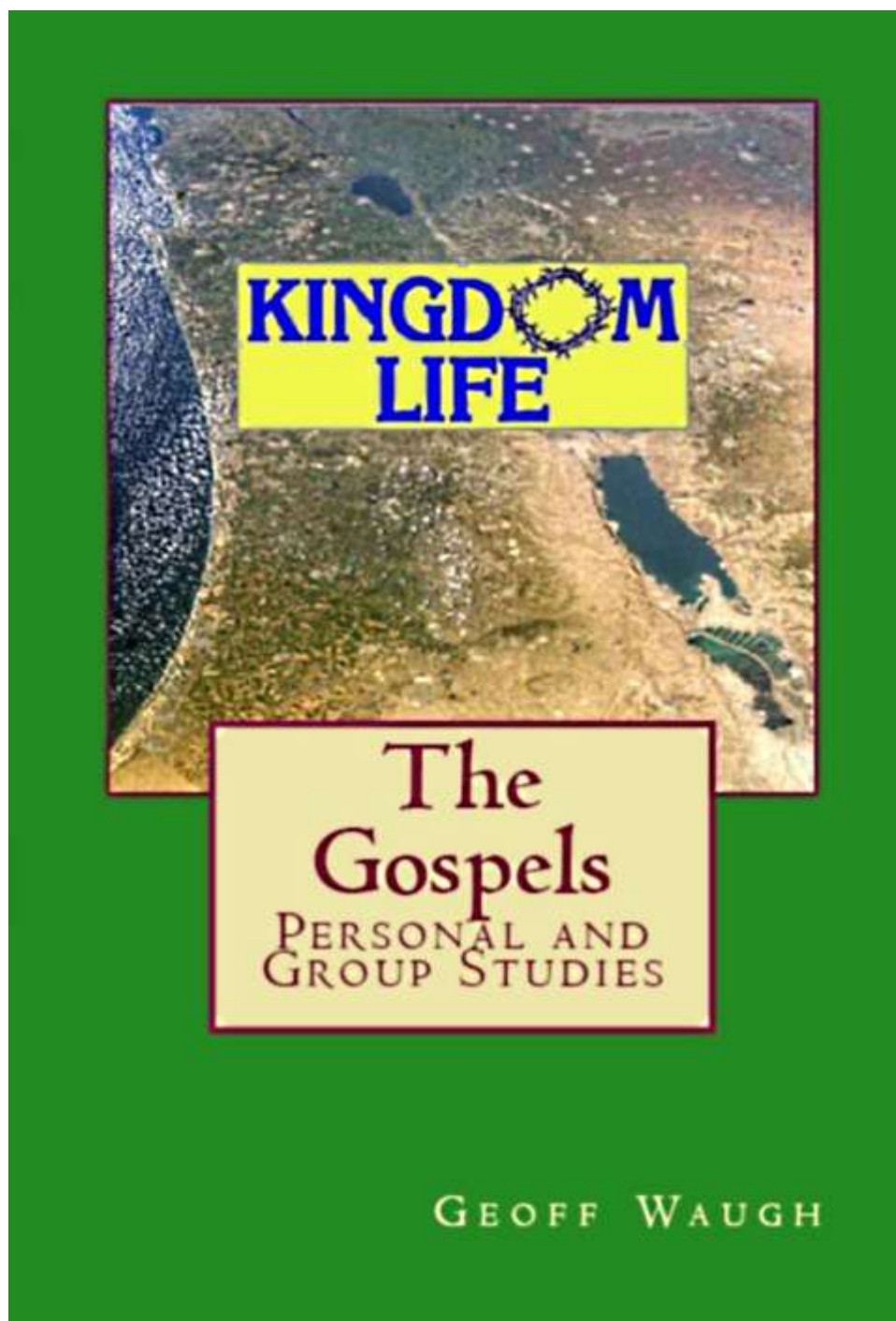
The readings for Christmas 2 are omitted if there is only one Sunday between Christmas and Epiphany. Other Sundays will be omitted each year from the lectionary readings because of the varying dates of Easter. Those are usually some of the Sundays 6 to 12.

PART II THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

These studies cover the period of Lent and Easter to Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, forty days before Easter Sunday. The lectionary reading for the Sunday before Lent each year is on the Transfiguration. The Easter season concludes with Pentecost Sunday, which is followed by Trinity Sunday.

A calendar of dates and readings for the lectionary year is available from many Christian bookshops or may be bought from the Joint Board of Christian Education, 10 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000.



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Introduction

Luke is the only Gentile author in the Bible. He wrote to his Gentile friend, Theophilus (Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1), with a different emphasis from the other writers of the New Testament who all grew up steeped in Israel's traditions. He writes especially for his community.

Luke the historian describes Jesus' central place in human events. Jesus is the saviour of the whole world. No one is excluded from God's offer of salvation in Jesus. The poor, despised and outcasts (such as Gentiles) are especially invited into the kingdom of God. Luke gives a clear, ordered account of the spread of God's kingdom in the ministry of Jesus (Luke's Gospel) and in the early church (The Acts of the Apostles).

Luke the traveller makes 'journey' a strong theme in both his books. He tells of events along the way, on the road. This especially applies to Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem (9:51,57). That last journey began after Peter's declaration that Jesus was the Messiah, which Jesus explained in terms of his death and resurrection (9:20-22), and after Jesus' glory was seen at the transfiguration where Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus about his coming departure (9:28-31).

Luke the missionary, who often accompanied Paul, tells of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, first in Jesus (3:21-22; 4:18-19), then in his followers (9:1-2 and 10:1,9), and then in the church's missionary expansion (24:46-49). Luke makes many references to the Holy Spirit in both his gospel and The Acts of the Apostles.

Luke the doctor emphasises Jesus' compassion and healing power for all who came to him. His gospel abounds with stories of Jesus' care for people. He includes many accounts of Jesus' compassion for the poor and for outcasts.

Luke the evangelist, tells of Jesus' saving power and includes some of the most famous parables which summarise the good news of God's kingdom. Parables of the prodigal son, the lost coin, the good Samaritan, the rich man and Lazarus, and the rich fool are unique to Luke's evangelism story. So are the accounts of the Samaritan leper, the sinful woman who anointed Jesus' feet, and Zacchaeus. These were despised people who responded to Jesus.

If you have a Bible with section headings containing cross references, as in the Good News Bible and New Revised Standard Version, you can easily locate the passages unique to Luke. They have no cross references! Those passages give a feel for Luke's emphasis in telling the good news about the kingdom of God.

Relational Bible studies

These relational Bible studies can be used for both personal and group study.

Personal study, which may be in preparation for a group session or just for your own interest, will involve reading the Bible passages and thinking about the questions for yourself. It helps to keep a note book or journal of your insights or discoveries.

If these readings are used in your church on Sundays you could work through the study after that Sunday and also read the next study in preparation for the following Sunday. You may have friends with whom you would like to discuss some of the issues.

Group study involves you with others. These studies invite you to relate together at the beginning, to respond to the Bible material in personal ways and to reflect on its meaning for your own lives and circumstances.

The session outlines help you share your ideas and discoveries as you study the Bible together. These relational studies allow you to interact at both a content and a personal level. You can share your pilgrimage with others. You journey together. You support and encourage one another.

A rough time guide for each study would be to allow about 15 minutes for the Relate section, about 30 minutes for the Respond section and another 15 minutes for the Reflect section. Sometimes you will go longer than that, especially at the end. Reading the passages at home before the study helps you become familiar with the topic and gain more from your group discussion.

Any study can be used on its own, so you could select some to suit the number of weeks or studies you want. If your group is large, you will gain more by working in sub-groups of about three to five, particularly for the final section of the study. Smaller groups allow more personal sharing and specific prayer.

Using the lectionary

This study book follows the story of Jesus using lectionary readings from the year of Luke (Year C). The readings include passages from John also.

These group studies may be used following the lectionary dates or may be used independently, in full or in part, at any time. You could try one section to see if it suits your group or meets your needs, such as studies for Lent (see Appendix 1). Some groups may choose to select passages from Luke only and omit studies from John used in the lectionary readings (see Appendix 2).

Appendix 1 gives you an outline of the lectionary year. For groups following the set dates of Sunday readings the studies from Part II on the death and resurrection of Jesus will fit into Part I at the Lent to Pentecost seasons.

Study 1, The Coming of the Lord, forms a bridge between the previous lectionary year (which concludes with Christ the King) and the new lectionary year. So the first study both looks toward the fulfilment of the coming of the Lord as King and introduces the advent of Jesus.

Part I: The Life and Ministry of Jesus

1. The coming of the Lord

Luke 21:25-36

Other readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The Messiah establishes God's kingdom or reign. Jesus fulfilled and will fulfil that task. He announced the kingdom of God and demonstrated its presence on earth, but also pointed to its fulfilment when the Son of Man is revealed in power and great glory. He warns us to be ready, to welcome his reign.

Relate

1. Form pairs and introduce yourself to your partner. Comment on a favourite or challenging book, movie or activity you appreciated. Then briefly introduce your partner to the rest of the group.
2. What impresses you most about Jesus?

Respond

1. Read Luke 21:25-36, different people reading verses 25-28,29-31,32-33,34-36.
2. What picture of the kingdom of God is given here?
3. How does this fit with the coming of the Son of Man? Note Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Daniel 7:13-14.
4. What does kingdom life require? See verses 34-36 and 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13.

Reflect

1. How can we prepare for the Lord's coming now and in the future? Consider Psalm 25:1-10.
2. What does this mean for you personally?
3. Pray about that for one another.

2. John the Baptist

Luke 3:1-6

Other readings:

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 126

Philippians 1:3-11

John the Baptist announced the coming of the Lord. He prepared the way for the Messiah, the Christ. In true prophetic style he declared the word of God, confronted evil and called for repentance. The Lord's coming requires our response. We need to get ready, to confess and quit our sin and turn to God. So it was then. So it is now.

Relate

1. What coming events are special for you or ones you really look forward to?
2. Why do these events give you so much fulfilment?

Respond

1. Read Luke 3:1-6, different people reading verses 1-3,4-6.
2. What does the picture in verses 4-6 signify? See Isaiah 40:3-5.
3. What does the Lord's coming mean for us? Consider Psalm 126.
4. Why is repentance essential? Note Malachi 3:1-4 and Philippians 1:9-11.

Reflect

1. What does the advent of Jesus, the Messiah, mean for you?
2. How can you make this more significant for one another and others?
3. Pray and plan about that together.

3. The Messiah

Luke 3:7-18

Other readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-9

Israel's hopes lay with their coming Messiah, the deliverer. He would save his people from oppression. John the Baptist's ministry stirred these hopes again as he confronted injustice. Yet the advent of the Messiah was unexpected and disappointed many. The Messiah would establish God's eternal kingdom of righteousness and truth. That cannot be limited to national politics. It confronts us all, personally and socially.

Relate

1. What do you find most surprising about the Christmas story?
2. In what ways have you found God's activity mysterious and surprising?

Respond

1. Read Luke 3:7-18, someone reading verses where John speaks, others reading other verses.
2. What were the hopes about the Messiah? Consider Zephaniah 3:14-20.
3. Why would John the Baptist shock people? Note verses 8-9 and 19-20.
4. Why are those who repent so glad? See Isaiah 12:1-6.

Reflect

1. Why is the good news of Jesus the Messiah so surprising for us as well as for John's generation? Note verses 16-18.
2. How might this good news affect our attitudes and actions now? Consider Philippians 4:4-9.
3. Pray about that.

4. Mary's Son

Luke 1:39-55

Other readings:

Micah 5:2-4

Psalm 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10

How could God become a human being? That's impossible! Yet the incarnation declares the impossible. Mary and Elizabeth realised this. They celebrated the amazing mystery together (Luke 1:36,56). They both burst into prophetic statements. God found in them an attitude of faith, wonder and awe. So the Holy Spirit could fill them both and bring the miraculous to birth.

Relate

1. What do you like most about Christmas?
2. How do you like to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas?

Respond

1. Read Luke 1:39-55, someone narrating, others reading the words of Elizabeth and Mary.
2. What attitudes in Elizabeth and Mary made them receptive to God's Spirit? Note verses 36-38,45.
3. Why is Mary honoured and blessed? Consider verses 43-48.
4. Why are Christmas and the cross so closely linked? Note Psalm 80:3-7 and Hebrews 10:9-10.

Reflect

1. How does God's salvation turn things upside down for us? See verses 46-55 and Micah 5:2-4.
2. How can we be more receptive to God's purposes for us?
3. Pray for one another about that.

5. Infancy and childhood of Jesus

Luke 2:41-52

Other readings:

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26 Psalm 111 Colossians 3:12-17

The child Jesus grew strong, he was filled with wisdom, and God's grace was on him. Here was the Son of Man in developing as a human being. He grew. He participated in family life and responsibilities, a son and brother. Yet unique. He grew to understand his destiny, undoubtedly supported by Joseph and Mary. Even so, they did not grasp his total commitment to his Father, God.

Relate

1. What insights about God can you remember from your childhood?
2. What ideas about God have you outgrown now?

Respond

1. Read Luke 2:41-52, someone narrating and others reading the conversation.
2. Why is growth in wisdom normal and essential? Note verses 40,52 and 1 Samuel 2:18,26.
3. How may children have insights adults can miss? Consider verses 49-50 and Psalm 111:1-2,10.
4. Why was the Passover especially significant to Jesus? See Luke 22:15-16.

Reflect

1. How can we have favour with God and people? Note verse 52 and Colossians 3:12-17.
2. How can the group help that to happen?
3. Pray and act on that.

6. Reflections on the birth of Jesus

John 1:1-18

Other readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

We see God revealed in Jesus. The light of God shone brightly in Jesus, and the darkness could not put it out. Many of Jesus' own people rejected that light, but it transcends limited national aspirations. That light still shines in all who believe in him. They become children of God. We are bearers of the light in our world. Kingdom life is lived in the light of God.

Relate

1. What do you value most about your beginnings?
2. How have your beginnings helped shape your life?

Respond

1. Read John 1:1-18 silently and meditate on key verses for you.
2. What lights up or has special meaning for you in that passage?
3. What do you learn about Jesus from the passage? See also Ephesians 1:18-23.
4. How might the awesome greatness of Jesus Christ affect our lives? Consider Psalm 147:12-14, Jeremiah 31:12-14 and Ephesians 1:3-6.

Reflect

1. What aspects of Jesus' grace and truth mean most to you? Note verse 14.
2. What aspects of grace and truth do you see in each person in your group? Each person can remain silent as others comment on them.
3. Thank God for this as you ask to grow in grace and truth.

7. The baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Other readings:

Isaiah 61:1-4

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Baptism is a watershed; always significant, often controversial. John the Baptist called people to change their ways and acknowledge that change in a baptism for repentance. Jesus did not need to do that, but identified with us in his baptism in obedience to the Father's will. Then the Spirit came powerfully upon him for his mission. He baptises us in his Holy Spirit and in fire.

Relate

1. What was a significant turning point in your life?
2. What has brought you close to God?

Respond

1. Read Luke 3:15-22, a paragraph each.
2. Why was John the Baptist so controversial?
3. How are verses 16 and 22 related? See also Acts 8:14-17.
4. How did this event affect Jesus? Note Isaiah 61:1-4 and Psalm 29:1-2,10-11.

Reflect

1. What have you discovered about the Holy Spirit?
2. What does obedience to God mean for you just now?
3. Pray about that for one another.

8. The marriage feast at Cana

John 2:1-11

Other readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Jesus touches life with his grace and glory. At the wedding in Cana he and his disciples mixed with friends and relatives. He celebrated with them. There he quietly revealed his glory.

Inconspicuously. Graciously. Generously. He saved others from embarrassment. He responded to Mary's faith. The miraculous transformed the mundane. About 700 litres (around 150 gallons) of water became the best wine.

Relate

1. What do you enjoy most about weddings?
2. What kind of gifts do you get most pleasure in giving?

Respond

1. Read John 2:1-11, someone narrating, others reading the conversations.
2. What does this first miracle suggest about Jesus' concern for friends and family? Note verses 11-12.
3. What does this miracle foreshadow about Jesus' ministry beyond friends and family? Consider Mark 3:20-21,34-35 and Isaiah 62:1-5.
4. What does this miracle say about the Lord's generous love? See also Psalm 36:5-10.

Reflect

1. How generously does God give us his Spirit? Note 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.
2. How can you relate to friends and family as Jesus did?
3. Pray specifically about that.

9. The visit to Nazareth (1)

Luke 4:14-21

Other readings:

Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19:7-14 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Jesus ministered in the power of the Spirit, fulfilling the prophecies about the servant of the Lord, the Messiah. That was controversial. Here was good news for the poor, the prisoners, the blind, the oppressed. The Lord's favour lifts the lowly and pulls down the mighty. That good news confronts all unjust systems and all unrighteousness. We are set free to love and serve, not to dominate.

Relate

1. What is a guiding principle or motto for you?
2. What Bible verse or statement is especially significant for you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 4:14-21.
2. How are verses 14 and 18-19 linked?
3. How might obedience to God's word change our attitudes and actions? Consider Nehemiah 8:8-10 and Psalm 19:7-14.
4. How can we obey God's word in the power of the Spirit? Note 1 Corinthians 12:12-13,27-30.

Reflect

1. How can we do more of what Jesus demonstrated?
2. In what ways do you seek the Lord's release or help?
3. Claim that in prayer for one another.

10. The visit to Nazareth (2)

Luke 4:21-30

Other readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The way Jesus used scripture caused problems. He seemed to claim too much for himself! He offended many who knew him best, the people of his home town. They tried to kill him. He could not be limited to narrow ideas which try to put God's activity into our tiny boxes or categories. Jesus unnerves us all. He brings God's word with disturbing authority. He challenges our prejudices and traditions.

Relate

1. What speaker has stirred or challenged you?
2. What attitudes or beliefs of yours have been challenged?

Respond

1. Read Luke 4:21-30, a verse each.
2. What prejudices or beliefs did Jesus challenge?
3. Why is Spirit-filled, prophetic ministry so controversial? Note Jeremiah 1:4-10.
4. How is this disturbing, prophetic ministry comforting to those who trust in God? Consider Psalm 71:1-6.

Reflect

1. How can we cope with the disturbing challenge of God's Spirit in our lives? See 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.
2. What aspects of Jesus' ministry confront or challenge you?
3. Pray for one another about that.

11. The call of the first disciples

Luke 5:1-11

Other readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Jesus called for and inspired total commitment. He did not come just to make people feel good or get better. He came to establish the kingdom of God now and ultimately. To that he was totally committed. He acknowledged the reign of God in all of life, and called others to do that also. Many of his followers would suffer and die for him. His miracles demonstrate the awesome presence of God's kingdom and reign.

Relate

1. When or how did you first respond to the call of Jesus?
2. What did that involve for you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 5:1-11, a paragraph each.
2. Why did this miracle shock Peter so much?
3. What response fits the discovery of God's presence? Consider verses 8-10, Isaiah 6:5, and 1 Corinthians 15:9.
4. How might God's greatness and glory inspire worship and service? Note verses 9-11, Psalm 138, Isaiah 6:8 and 1 Corinthians 15:10.

Reflect

1. How might Jesus' presence with us affect us and others? See 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 and Isaiah 6:9-10.
2. What does Jesus' call mean for you just now?
3. Pray together about your response to that call.

12. The sermon on the plain (1)

Luke 6:17-26

Other readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

First the good news! Then the bad news! Blessings and woes. This kingdom charter surprises and disturbs us. It turns things upside down. Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor, oppressed and persecuted. But this meant bad news for the rich, and those who ignore the poor and needy. Jesus wields a sharp two edged sword which cuts deep into us all. He thrusts at the heart. We don't escape.

Relate

1. When has good news surprised you?
2. What good news in the gospel really grabs you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 6:17-26, someone reading verses 17-19, four others reading the blessings, and four reading the woes.
2. How does Jesus describe kingdom people? See Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17:5-10.
3. What does Jesus warn against? Note verses 10-11.
4. What did Jesus demonstrate and teach to his disciples about the kingdom? Consider verses 12-13,17-20.

Reflect

1. How might our discipleship affect our attitudes and living? Consider 1 Corinthians 15:19-20.
2. What does Jesus' description of kingdom life require of you?
3. Pray together about your response.

13. The sermon on the plain (2)

Luke 6:27-38

Other readings:

Genesis 45:3-11,15 Psalm 37:1-11 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Kingdom life transforms everything. It cuts right across the world system and traditional social behaviour. Jesus renounced status, personal ambition, claiming our rights, and materialism. He served. He calls us to this same radical servanthood. Kingdom people, his disciples, will follow his example. He lives his life in us. This will show in our attitudes and actions.

Relate

1. Who has impressed you by their discipleship?
2. What person in history has impressed you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 6:27-38, different people reading verses 27-31,32-36,37-38.
2. What does Jesus commend and condemn in this passage? List these.
3. How does Jesus challenge our ideas of love and fairness? See Genesis 45:4,8,11,15 and Psalm 37:1-11.
4. How is meekness greatness, not weakness? Consider Numbers 12:3, Philippians 2:5-11, and 1 Corinthians 15:42-44,50.

Reflect

1. How might obeying verse 31 change your life?
2. How can others help you live this out?
3. Plan and pray about that together.

14. The sermon on the plain (3)

Luke 6:39-49

Other readings:

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 92:1-4,12-15 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Jesus turns things inside out. Not only did he live in total obedience to God's will, but he requires that of his followers. We are to change our ways, then we may see how to help others. Obedience to Jesus' radical teaching is the key to kingdom life. Only that obedience can provide a lasting foundation for life.

Relate

1. What rules guided your life as a child?
2. What foundations do you build your life on now?

Respond

1. Read Luke 6:39-49, a paragraph each.
2. What authority does Jesus claim over his followers? Note verses 40,46-47.
3. What lasting change does kingdom life produce? See verses 45,48, Psalm 92:12-15, and Isaiah 55:10-13.
4. What can motivate us to keep going this way? Consider 1 Corinthians 15:57-58.

Reflect

1. What change or repentance does this passage require of you?
2. How might change in attitudes produce change in actions for you?
3. Pray for one another about that.

15. The cure of the centurion's servant

Luke 7:1-10

Other readings:

1 Kings 8:22-23,41-43 Psalm 100 Galatians 1:1-10

Jesus lived out the kingdom principles he taught as he fulfilled his mission. He often surprised people and was sometimes surprised himself. In contrast to his surprise at the lack of faith in him at Nazareth, where people knew him well, he was amazed to find such strong and humble faith in the centurion at Capernaum, a foreigner who did not inherit Israel's beliefs.

Relate

1. When has someone's faith or response surprised you?
2. What do you find risky about having faith in Jesus?

Respond

1. Read Luke 7:1-10, someone narrating and others reading the conversations.
2. What qualities did the centurion show? Note verses 6-8.
3. How was the Jewish elders' request different from the centurion's? Consider 1 Kings 8:41-43.
4. Why must faith be based on our Lord's authority, not ours? See Galatians 1:6,10.

Reflect

1. How can we have strong faith? Consider Psalm 100.
2. In what areas would you like your faith and action to be strengthened?
3. Pray in faith about that.

16. The widow of Nain

Luke 7:11-17

Other readings:

1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 113 Galatians 1:11-24

Human need deeply touched Jesus' compassion. He came to save and deliver us from evil and the havoc and destruction it brings. Jesus gives life. He saves. He heals. He makes us whole. He alone has conquered evil, even death. He gave life to the widow's son, demonstrating God's love and compassion as well as God's mighty power. His touch gives life.

Relate

1. When has someone's compassion helped you?
2. When has the Lord's presence or touch helped you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 7:11-17, a paragraph each.
2. What does this event say about the Lord's authority and compassion? Note verses 8-10,13-15.
3. Why did people call Jesus a great prophet that day? Consider verse 16, Psalm 113 and 1 Kings 17:17-24.
4. What does this miracle confirm about Jesus' identity? See verses 20-23 and Galatians 1:11-12,15.

Reflect

1. What does Jesus' identity mean for us in our need?
2. What does this mean for us concerning others' need?
3. Pray about your response for (1) your need, and (2) others' need.

17. Jesus' feet anointed

Luke 7:36-8:3

Other readings:

1 Kings 19:1-8

Psalm 42

Galatians 2:15-21

Jesus welcomed sinners, especially those recognising their need. This was astounding then, and still is. The religious people found it hard to cope with. We do too! God's grace often floods into unworthy people just because they know they need it so much. Good people can miss that. Those who know they are forgiven much, love much. We too must recognise we have been forgiven much. We too can love much.

Relate

1. How do you like to express your love or gratitude?
2. What kind of gift has meant a lot to you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 7:36-8:3.
2. How did the women show their love for Jesus?
3. Why was Jesus so pleased with the sinful woman? See verses 47,50 and Galatians 2:15-16,20.
4. Why was this response of Jesus difficult to cope with?

Reflect

1. When has the Lord made his grace real to you? Note 1 Kings 19:1-8 and Psalm 42:1-2,5,8,11.
2. How would you like to respond extravagantly to the Lord?
3. Express some response in prayer and song.

18. Peter's confession of faith

Luke 9:18-24

Other readings:

1 Kings 19:9-14

Psalm 43

Galatians 3:23-29

Peter's shocking and daring confession that the prophet Jesus was actually the Messiah marks a dramatic turning point in the gospel narrative. Jesus immediately applied this revelation to his death and resurrection. The Messiah must die. The fateful journey to Jerusalem begins after this. Not only that, but his followers must also lay down their lives for him. Those who lose their lives will save them.

Relate

1. What insight or revelation opened new dimensions for you?
2. What surprises you most about Jesus?

Respond

1. Read Luke 9:18-24, a verse each.
2. Why was Peter's statement so surprising?
3. Why was Jesus' explanation even more surprising? Note verses 30-31,51.
4. How did Jesus transform the concept of Messiah? See Galatians 3:26-29.

Reflect

1. How has the Lord surprised you? Consider 1 Kings 19:11-12 and Psalm 43:5.
2. What is God's gentle whisper to you at present?
3. Act on that as you pray together.

19. The journey to Jerusalem begins

Luke 9:51-62

Other readings:

1 Kings 19:15-21 Psalm 44:1-8 Galatians 5:1,13-25

Destiny strikes. The journey to Jerusalem must lead inevitably to Jesus' death. Life beyond death lies in God's hands. It did for Jesus also. Nothing must stop Jesus' steady commitment to his destiny. Even though others did not and could not understand, Jesus would press on. He challenged others to give their lives for God's kingdom also, even if that meant death for them too. It has for many.

Relate

1. What journey or change have you faced with apprehension?
2. What gave you comfort or help in such times?

Respond

1. Read Luke 9:51-62, different people reading the conversations.
2. Why did both the Samaritans and the disciples misunderstand kingdom life? Compare verses 53-54 with Galatians 5:19-24.
3. Why does God's kingdom call for total commitment? Consider 1 Kings 19:21.
4. How are Jesus' demands explained by his own journey?

Reflect

1. What motivates you to follow Jesus? See Psalm 44:4-8.
2. What do Jesus' demands mean for you just now?
3. Pray together concerning that.

20. The mission of the seventy-two

Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Other readings:

1 Kings 21:1-3,17-21 Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 6:7-18

Jesus' mission involved passing on his ministry to others, including us. His disciples and followers learned from Jesus and did what he did. God's kingdom comes in the power of the Spirit. So it came into people's lives as the disciples helped others in the way that Jesus had taught them to speak and work in the Spirit's power. So with us. That too is our mission.

Relate

1. Who has been a mentor or example for you?
2. How have you learned to help people in new ways?

Respond

1. Read Luke 10:1-12,17-20, someone reading verses 1-12, another reading verses 17-20.
2. What was tough about this assignment? See also Luke 9:1-6.
3. How did Jesus prepare his followers for that work? Consider Galatians 6:7-10.
4. What does this passage teach about priorities and God's kingdom overcoming evil? Note 1 Kings 21:20-21 and Psalm 5:1-8.

Reflect

1. Are we supposed to do these things now?
2. How can you learn to do these things in your situation?
3. Pray about that for one another.

21. The good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Other readings:

2 Kings 2:1,6-14 Psalm 139:1-12 Colossians 1:1-14

What a shocking story! The despised, hated Samaritan is the hero. The good guys become the bad guys. The priest and temple worker ignore the human need they see. Do we? They are bound by religious scruples. Are we? Here is a savage, stinging story for religious people, busy about other things. Jesus got his hands dirty helping those in need. Who is my neighbour?

Relate

1. Who was a good Samaritan for you?
2. Who are the despised Samaritans in your experience?

Respond

1. Read Luke 10:25-37, two people reading alternate verses but include verses 30-36 as one.
2. How is this story a commentary on the greatest commandments? Compare with Numbers 19:11-16.
3. How does loving God show itself in attitudes and actions? Note Psalm 139:1-12 and Colossians 1:3-7.
4. How did Jesus demonstrate these commandments?

Reflect

1. How can you obey these commandments with God's help? Consider 2 Kings 2:1,6-14 and Colossians 1:9-14.
2. How can the group help you do that?
3. Pray for one another about that.

22. Martha and Mary

Luke 10:38-42

Other readings:

2 Kings 4:8-17 Psalm 139:13-18 Colossians 1:21-29

Jesus' travels took him into various homes. One of his favourite places was the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus on the Bethany hillside near Jerusalem. Here Jesus and his disciples could relax with friends. Here too Jesus, who served others and valued serving, kept priorities right. He insisted on service with a right attitude that comes from a right relationship with himself.

Relate

1. When have you enjoyed helping or serving others?
2. When have you enjoyed being still with the Lord?

Respond

1. Read Luke 10:38-42, three people reading two verses each..
2. How do both Martha and Mary show their strengths? Note John 12:1-3
3. How are right attitudes and priorities shown? Consider 2 Kings 4:8-17 and Colossians 1:24-29.
4. How does an intimate relationship with the Lord affect living? See Psalm 139:13-18 and Colossians 1:21-23.

Reflect

1. What strengths of Martha and Mary do you have?
2. What changes in attitude or actions do you need to make?
3. Express that in prayer together.

23. The importunate friend

Luke 11:1-13

Other readings:

2 Kings 5:1-15 Psalm 21:1-7 Colossians 2:6-15

Our relationship with God requires faith. Faith takes hold of what we cannot yet see, but do believe. Prayer requires faith. In prayer we relate to God. Jesus taught that God's purposes could be claimed and fulfilled here on earth. He demonstrated that. He taught his followers to do the same, even if it required persistence. It often does. We may have God's Spirit in fulness as we persist in faith.

Relate

1. What childhood prayer or grace at meals did you pray often?
2. What was or is one of your favourite prayers?

Respond

1. Read Luke 11:1-13, a paragraph each.
2. How did Jesus pray? Note verses 1-4.
3. Why is persistence sometimes important? See Colossians 2:6-7.
4. What is ours through faith? Consider verse 13, Psalm 21:1-2,7, and Colossians 2:9-15.

Reflect

1. How might your faith show in action? Reflect on 2 Kings 5:10,13-14.
2. What is your response to the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit?
3. Pray about it. You could lay hands on those desiring that.

24. The parable of the rich fool

Luke 12:13-21

Other readings:

2 Kings 13:14-20a Psalm 28 Colossians 3:1-11

This embarrassing parable arises out of materialism, and confronts it. We squirm under the challenge here! Our society and values are strongly materialistic. Kingdom life cuts right across that. So, of course, we tone down Jesus' radical demands. We water down the gospel to suit our own life styles. This parable hits that compromising attitude hard and calls for commitment.

Relate

1. What possessions could you easily leave if God called you to Outer Mongolia?
2. What would you hang on to?

Respond

1. Read Luke 12:13-21, a verse each.
2. What attitudes does Jesus challenge here? Note verses 14-15,18-19,21.
3. What wholehearted commitment does Jesus want? Consider 1 Kings 13:18-19 and Colossians 3:1-11.
4. Where must our trust and security lie? See verses 29-31 and Psalm 28:6-9.

Reflect

1. How can you seek God's kingdom first in your situation?
2. What adjustments of attitude or action do you need to make?
3. Pray for one another about that.

25. The need for vigilance

Luke 12:32-40

Other readings:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 14

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-19

Here the demands of kingdom life bite even deeper! We think it's okay for Saint Francis, Mother Teresa, or some missionaries we know, to leave all and follow Jesus. But us? What has radical kingdom life got to do with us? Yet Jesus insists. All his followers must find their treasure in God's kingdom, not in materialism. We are to serve our king wholeheartedly, ready for his sudden appearance.

Relate

1. What do you feel most secure about?
2. What do you tend to worry about most?

Respond

1. Read Luke 12:32-40, three people reading three verses each.
2. What kind of kingdom life does Jesus offer? Note Hebrews 11:1-3,8-19.
3. What kingdom goal or purpose do we work and watch for? Consider Psalm 14.
4. How does kingdom living change attitudes or actions? See Jeremiah 18:1-11.

Reflect

1. What is your reaction to Jesus' instructions?
2. How can your group act on this or help you to do so?
3. Pray for guidance and help.

26. Not peace but division

Luke 12:49-56

Other readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 10:12-18 Hebrews 12:1-2,12-17

The reign of Jesus is both inclusive of all who will come, but exclusive. He divides. Here is the tender-tough paradox of the kingdom of God. This is not popular in our age of religious pluralism. God's kingdom will come, and all who welcome and live by his reign welcome that his dominion. Others will reject and fight it, even people within one family.

Relate

1. When have you been confronted in love?
2. How do you confront in love?

Respond

1. Read Luke 12:49-56, two people reading a paragraph each.
2. Why is Jesus' claim on us so radical? Consider Hebrews 12:1-2,12-17.
3. Why does wholehearted commitment to God cause problems? Note Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 10:12-18.
4. How do approaching storms or hot winds depict kingdom life? See verses 54-56.

Reflect

1. How are you confronted by the Lord's claim on you?
2. What help do you want from God?
3. Pray for one another or others.

27. Few will be saved

Luke 13:22-30

Other readings:

Jeremiah 28:1-9

Psalm 84

Hebrews 12:18-29

Jesus was heading toward Jerusalem and his destiny there. He warns the chosen people, Israel, that they can miss God's kingdom while others will find it. The way is hard. Not religious activities, but discipleship. The door or gate is narrow. It means submission to God's reign, involvement in his kingdom. Jesus keeps the standard tough, not easy, for kingdom life. Few will find it. Few will live it.

Relate

1. When has wholehearted involvement in something thrilled you?
2. What are you keen about?

Respond

1. Read Luke 13:22-30, a verse each.
2. Why is Jesus' journey significant in this passage?
3. How does the narrow door call for humble submission to God? Note Hebrews 12:22-24,28-29.
4. How does God's reign turn things around? See verses 28-30 and Jeremiah 28:8-9,15-17.

Reflect

1. How do we enter God's kingdom? Consider Psalm 84.
2. What does Jesus' warning mean for you?
3. Pray in repentance and submission.

28. True humility

Luke 14:1,7-14

Other readings:

Ezekiel 18:1-9,25-29 Psalm 15 Hebrews 13:1-8

Kingdom life constantly challenges the usual patterns of living. Jesus turns things upside down. The mighty are brought low; the humble exalted. Position, status, and power are challenged. Loving service characterises kingdom people, especially serving the poor, and those in need. Kingdom motives are to love and serve, not to be noticed, admired or repaid. Jesus lived this way.

Relate

1. When do you like to be unnoticed or left alone?
2. When do you like to be noticed or at least appreciated?

Respond

1. Read Luke 14:1,7-14, a section each.
2. Why was Jesus' social life both threatening and liberating?
3. What qualities or attitudes does Jesus commend? Consider Psalm 15 and Hebrews 13:1-8.
4. How do these qualities reflect God's love and justice? Note Ezekiel 18:1-9,25-29.

Reflect

1. How does this passage affect your social life?
2. What changes do you want to make?
3. Act on that in prayer together.

29. The cost of discipleship

Luke 14:25-33

Other readings:

Ezekiel 33:1-11 Psalm 94:12-22 Philemon 1-20

Jesus shocks us. He demands everything of his followers. He insists on kingdom priorities. God first. Everything else must be subject to that. We squirm. That is not popular. Not easy. Not comfortable. So we take the sting out of it by spiritualising it. We side step the tough requirements and settle for compromise. Like the crowds, we can miss kingdom life; or like the few, we can choose it, if we will count the cost and pay the price.

Relate

1. What tough task have you tackled or achieved?
2. What tough task would you like to have a go at?

Respond

1. Read Luke 14:25-33, a paragraph or 3 verses each plus the last two.
2. What is significant about Jesus saying this to large crowds as he journeyed to his death? Note requirements in Ezekiel 33:1-11.
3. How do the two stories illustrate Jesus' demands? Note Paul's commitment in Philemon 8-19.
4. Why are true disciples like salt?

Reflect

1. What motivates you for discipleship? See Psalm 94:12-23.
2. What help do you want or need?
3. Pray about that.

30. The lost coin, sheep, and son

Luke 15:1-10 (11-32)

Other readings:

Hosea 4:1-3,5:15-6:6 Psalm 77:11-20 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Two of these three famous parables are unique to Luke. Here he gives us the gospel within his gospel. The gospel of the kingdom is good news for sinners, for outcasts, for the despised and hated. God seeks the lost. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Sinners who turn to God are welcomed home. That applies to us all. The self-righteous miss out. Those who repent and trust God find life.

Relate

1. When did someone find or rescue you?
2. What kind of people accept you as you are?

Respond

1. Read Luke 15:1-10, grouped in verses 1-2,3-7,8-10.
2. What is contrasted in the first two verses? Note 1 Timothy 1:12-17.
3. What makes God glad? See Hosea 5:15-6:6.
4. What do these stories say about God? Consider Psalm 77:11-20.

Reflect

1. What should our attitude be to others, especially unbelievers?
2. In what ways may you need to repent?
3. Act on that in prayer together.

31. The unjust steward

Luke 16:1-13

Other readings:

Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Kingdom life cuts across materialism, gaining more, and competing with or climbing over others. It's about loving, serving, helping, forgiving, building relationships and making communities of care and goodness. So those who use money or authority to build relationships, rather than to compete and destroy are wise. At least the shrewd manager or steward in Jesus' story had this wisdom. People matter more than things or status.

Relate

1. When has someone surprised you by their care for you?
2. What do you appreciate about this group?

Respond

1. Read Luke 16:1-13, a paragraph each.
2. Why did those with wealth and status hate this story? See verses 14-15.
3. Why does serving God involve forgiving debts or sins? Consider Hosea 11:1-2,8-11 and Psalm 107:1-9.
4. How does God's goodness and mercy affect daily living? Note 1 Timothy 2:1-7.

Reflect

1. What can you do as a group to help or serve others?
2. What can you do personally to care for others?
3. Pray and plan about that.

32. The rich man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

Other readings:

Joel 2:23-30 Psalm 107:1,33-43 1 Timothy 6:6-19

What an embarrassing story for us! We have Lazarus at our door. Not one, but millions. We see them in our homes on TV. Yet we tend to ignore the problem. It's too big. Instead, we accumulate more for ourselves, or acquire the latest consumer conveniences. That's our right! Or is it? Jesus rejected such consumer attitudes in his life and teaching. Kingdom life is tough.

Relate

1. Who is someone you admire who left all to follow Jesus?
2. Who is someone you admire who used their wealth in serving God?

Respond

1. Read Luke 16:19-31, a paragraph each.
2. How does this story link with verses 14-15? See 1 Timothy 6:6-19.
3. What encouragement does Jesus give about our destiny? Consider verses 22-25, Luke 19:8-10 and Psalm 107:1,33-43.
4. How can God's Spirit transform us and others? Note Joel 2:23-30.

Reflect

1. What does this passage say to you about your attitudes or actions?
2. What do you want to do about that?
3. Act on that as you pray for one another and others.

33. A lesson on faith and dedication

Luke 17:5-10

Other readings:

Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Psalm 101 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Jesus constantly demonstrated kingdom life. He lived in total union with God, in full submission to God's will. Such faith and servanthood stands in brilliant contrast to our usual concern for our own interests. Jesus' disciples wanted to learn his way. He kept flinging out challenges, impossible for us, yet not impossible for God to do in us.

Relate

1. When have you taken a leap of faith or commitment?
2. When has God surprised you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 17:5-10, someone reading verses 5-6, another verses 7-10.
2. How does faith show in action? Note 2 Timothy 1:1-14.
3. Why are we unworthy servants? Consider Amos 5:6-7,10-15.
4. How might faith exalt or sing in service? See Psalm 101.

Reflect

1. How would you like your faith to increase?
2. How can you act on this in service?
3. Do that in prayer together.

34. The ten lepers

Luke 17:11-19

Other readings:

Micah 1:2; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Jesus kept surprising people. He reached out to all kinds of people, especially those rejected by others. Lepers and Samaritans were the most despised, seen as unclean, physically and socially. Notice how the most despised person is the most grateful, the Samaritan leper. God's grace does that for us in our need. We are transformed, we are made whole by the Lord. We too need to be the most thankful.

Relate

1. How has someone helped you feel accepted?
2. When have you felt especially accepted by God?

Respond

1. Read Luke 17:11-19, a verse each.
2. What was Jesus' attitude to these outcasts? Compare Psalm 26 with Micah 1:2; 2:1-10.
3. What response did Jesus expect? See verses 14, 17-19.
4. What did Jesus affirm? Note 2 Timothy 2:8-15.

Reflect

1. How can you help others be accepted, especially the unwanted?
2. What acceptance do you need just now?
3. Express that together in prayer and support.

35. The unjust judge

Luke 18:1-8

Other readings:

Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Jesus came to establish God's kingdom of justice and righteousness. The Lord does what is just and right. So must his people. Worldly power and wealth easily corrupt, and many officials could be bribed. What hope for the poor, such as a widow? Her only weapon was persistence. She used it. Jesus reminds us how God will indeed defend and rescue his people who continue to pray and seek justice in faith.

Relate

1. When has persistence paid off for you?
2. What do you enjoy sticking at?

Respond

1. Read Luke 18:1-8, a paragraph each.
2. How is this social justice issue linked with prayer and faith? Note Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4, Matthew 12:18-21 and Luke 11:42.
3. What does God reward? See verses 1,7-8 and Psalm 119:137-144.
4. What does faith in God hang on to?

Reflect

1. What do you need to persist with at present? Consider 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5.
2. How can the group help you do that?
3. Pray and act in faith.

36. The Pharisee and the tax collector

Luke 18:9-14

Other readings:

Zephaniah 3:1-9

Psalm 3

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Jesus keeps turning things upside down. The exalted are humbled; the humble exalted. People usually respected the religious and national leaders but despised the cheating and corrupt collaborators and traitors who were agents of oppressive tyranny. Tax collectors were especially hated. Yet Jesus commends the tax collector's faith and condemns the religious leader's bigotry and self-righteousness.

Relate

1. When have you seen faith in unlikely places?
2. Where have you found unbelief when you expected faith?

Respond

1. Read Luke 18:9-14, a verse each.
2. What is required to be right with God? Consider Zephaniah 3:1-5,9 and 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
3. Why is humility essential for salvation?
4. Who discover God's deliverance? Note Psalm 3.

Reflect

1. What does being humble mean for you?
2. What strengths do you see in one another?
3. Pray your own version of the tax collector's prayer.

37. Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Other readings:

Haggai 2:1-9

Psalm 65:1-8

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Tax collectors not only collaborated with the foreign invaders but they cheated as well to line their own pockets. Their masters condoned that. No wonder people hated them. Luke continues to show how Jesus reached out to the outcasts and the despised people and enlisted them in his kingdom. Jesus changed them. That showed in their changed attitudes and actions as they in turn helped others in need.

Relate

1. When has someone reached out to include you?
2. What has been your response at such times?

Respond

1. Read Luke 19:1-10, someone narrating, others reading the dialogue.
2. What attitude did Jesus affirm? Note verses 3,6,8-9 and 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12.
3. How is God's glory revealed in us? Consider Psalm 65:1-8.
4. How was God's glory revealed in Jesus' life? See Haggai 2:5-9.

Reflect

1. How does salvation affect our lives?
2. What attitudes do we need to foster?
3. Pray about that.

38. The resurrection debated

Luke 20:27-38

Other readings:

Zechariah 7:1-10 Psalm 9:11-20 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

Jesus not only challenges materialism but shows how a materialistic world view is inadequate and unscriptural. God's kingdom invades life now, changing our values and priorities, precisely because it is an eternal kingdom. God is the God of the living, in time/space and beyond time/space. So our decisions and life styles are profoundly affected by this perspective, as Jesus' were.

Relate

1. How does belief in God affect your choices right now?
2. What is your dream or desire for this group?

Respond

1. Read Luke 20:27-38 in two sections, verses 27-33 and 34-38.
2. What is significant about the time of this discussion just before Jesus' death? Note also 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5.
3. What theology does Jesus challenge? See verse 27 and Acts 23:8.
4. How does this perspective affect living now? See Psalm 9:11-20 and Zechariah 7:8-10.4.

Reflect

1. How does this perspective affect your choices now?
2. What do you appreciate about the choices or examples of the others in your group? Comment together on each person.
3. Conclude with prayers of thanks or commitment.

39. The signs announcing the end

Luke 21:5-19

Other readings:

Malachi 4:1-6

Psalm 82

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Jesus faced death, but saw beyond it to the age to come. That vision kept him going. Similarly he told his followers to expect tough times, persecution and even death. There is a clash of kingdoms. But Jesus promised victory to his followers. God's kingdom would endure and ultimately triumph. It is a kingdom worth living and dying for. Jesus did. We can.

Relate

1. What goal has kept you going in the past (e.g., raising a family; study)?
2. What goal keeps you going now?

Respond

1. Read Luke 21:5-19, a verse each.
2. Why was Jesus' news a shock? Note verses 5-6,12-19.
3. What motivates our endurance? See verse 19 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13.
4. Why do 'end times' include both disaster and triumph? Consider Psalm 82 and Malachi 4:1-6.

Reflect

1. What motivates you to live for God?
2. How can the group help you persist?
3. Pray for one another about that.

40. Christ the King

John 12:9-19

Other readings:

2 Samuel 5:1-5

Psalm 95

Colossians 1:11-20

Jesus triumphed over even death itself. He demonstrated this in the resurrection of Lazarus, and foreshadowed his own resurrection. The crowds swelled. They wanted him to be their king, their deliverer, their saviour from oppression. He was. But not as expected. His kingdom transcends all nationalism. He reigns for ever, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Relate

1. What do you feel patriotic about?
2. What grabs you about God's kingdom?

Respond

1. Read John 12:9-19, a paragraph each.
2. Why did the people, including the disciples, miss the point of Jesus' demonstration? Note expectations in 2 Samuel 5:1-5.
3. What was the point of Jesus' demonstration? See Colossians 1:11-20.
4. What does this show about God's saving purpose? Consider Psalm 95.

Reflect

1. How do you want to respond to the kingly reign of Jesus?
2. Give symbolic gifts in words to each person in your group to help each one respond to Jesus' reign.
3. Pray for each person in the group.

Part II: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

1. The transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36

Other readings:

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

After Peter's astounding confession that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus taught his disciples what that meant in terms of his death and resurrection and their discipleship (9:20-28). The last journey to Jerusalem started at that time with his transfiguration. His glory was revealed in the context of preparation for the cross. God gave unqualified approval of his Son.

Relate

1. How have you seen God's hand in your life? Comment in pairs.
2. What is typical or common about God's presence in our lives?

Respond

1. Read Luke 9:28-36, someone narrating, others reading the words of Peter and God.
2. What is the connection between Peter's declaration, Jesus' response, and the transfiguration? Note verses 20-31.
3. Why were the glorious splendour and God's voice so significant? Compare with Exodus 34:29-35 and 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2.
4. What is an appropriate response to God's glory? Note Psalm 99.

Reflect

1. When has God's glory touched you?
2. How does this affect you in your daily life?
3. Pray about that, acknowledging God's presence.

2. The temptations

Luke 4:1-13

Other readings:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:9-16 Romans 10:8b-13

The way of the cross is the hardest way of all. Temptations divert us. They did not divert Jesus from his total obedience to God's will. Jesus' mission included the cross. He chose to give his life. He lived in full obedience. He alone could proclaim and demonstrate God's kingdom rule in its fulness. Kingdom life resists and overcomes evil in obedience to God.

Relate

1. When have you been tempted to doubt God's word?
2. How has God's word helped you deal with temptations?

Respond

1. Read Luke 4:1-13, people reading four verses each plus verse 13.
2. What did the temptations challenge for Jesus? Note 3:22; 4:3,9.
3. How is God's claim on us challenged? Consider Deuteronomy 26:1-2,10-11.
4. How is evil overcome in our lives? Note Psalm 91:1-2,9-16 and Romans 10:8-13.

Reflect

1. How have you dealt with temptation?
2. How does God's faithfulness to his word apply to you?
3. Pray in confession, repentance or gratitude to God.

3. The meaning of the cross

Luke 13:31-35

Other readings:

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Psalm 127 Philippians 3:17-4:1

Jesus came as saviour and deliverer. Yet he was rejected. God's kingdom confronts evil in society and in individuals. So Jesus' demonstration of kingdom life met with opposition from entrenched systems and personal ambition or self-interest. This had been the prophets' fate. Now it was Jesus' fate, in spite of his great love. He wept over Jerusalem, yet looked beyond its rejection of him to the fulfilment of his destiny.

Relate

1. When have you felt desolate or empty?
2. What brought you comfort or hope?

Respond

1. Read Luke 13:31-35, a paragraph each.
2. How does Jesus pursue his goal? Note verses 32-33,35.
3. How does that goal affect us? See verse 35 and Philippians 3:17-4:1.
4. How does faith in God conquer desolation? Consider Genesis 15:5-6,18 and Psalm 127.

Reflect

1. What goal do you have?
2. What faith and persistence do you need?
3. Pray for one another about that.

4. Teaching about repentance (1)

Luke 13:1-9

Other readings:

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 103:1-13 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

God's justice is revealed in his mercy. Jesus fulfilled the just demands of God and taught how repentance obtained God's mercy. A common attitude then, as now, was that calamities indicated God's punishment on sin. Jesus rejected that, and taught that God's justice is expressed in mercy. He urged people to repent and receive mercy, rather than fall under judgement.

Relate

1. When has someone shown mercy to you?
2. When has someone helped you by persisting with you

Respond

1. Read Luke 13:1-9, a verse each.
2. What is the point of the fig tree parable? Note Psalm 103:1-13.
3. What does Jesus teach here about God's grace and faithfulness? See also Exodus 3:1-15 and 1 Corinthians 10:13.
4. Why is repentance vital? Consider 1 Corinthians 10:1-12.

Reflect

1. How might you tend to presume on God's grace?
2. What does repentance mean for you?
3. Express repentance in prayer together.

5. Teaching about repentance (2)

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Other readings:

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 34:1-10

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The prodigal son story is unique to Luke. Here again we find Jesus' startling description of God's grace and mercy for those who repent and his rebuke of those who do not. The loving father in this story went out to both his sons. One recognised his need of grace, the other did not see it, and found such grace unfair. Yet we all need it. Repentance enables us to receive it.

Relate

1. What is one of your favourite stories or sayings about forgiveness?
2. When has someone's acceptance or forgiveness opened doors for you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 15:1-3,11-32, someone narrating, others reading the dialogue.
2. Why would this story sting Jesus' critics? Note verses 1-2 and Psalm 34:1-10.
3. What does it say about God's faithfulness and grace? Consider Joshua 5:9-12.
4. What does it say about reconciliation? See 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

Reflect

1. Are you most like the younger or the elder son?
2. What is the message of the parable for you?
3. Apply that message in prayer together.

6. Mary anoints Jesus

John 12:1-8

Other readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:8-14

Mary's extravagant expression of love for Jesus caused criticism. It cost a year's wages. Jesus defended her action. He knew the perfume had been bought for his burial and that Mary realised this was an appropriate time to use it. He affirmed her. Mary sensed the impending crisis. Jesus knew his time had come. That gave deep significance to Mary's action. He commended such love and devotion.

Relate

1. When has someone's extravagant act surprised or pleased you?
2. When have you been extravagant in showing love or appreciation?

Respond

1. Read John 12:1-8, a paragraph each.
2. How did Jesus' friends show their devotion in different ways? See verses 1-3.
3. What did Jesus foreshadow? Consider also Isaiah 43:16-21 and Psalm 126.
4. Why is loving Jesus a goal beyond any price? Note Philippians 3:8-14.

Reflect

1. How do you integrate loving the Lord and helping the poor?
2. What ways do you seek to show love to the Lord?
3. Express that in prayer together.

7. Palm Sunday and the passion of Jesus

Luke 19:28-40; 22:14-23:56

Other readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:19-29; 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Week! No other week in all history is like it. Jerusalem saw the cosmic drama of the universe enacted then. Yet no one there but Jesus knew what really happened. From hosannas to 'crucify him'; from the disciples highest hopes to their deepest despair; from Palm Sunday's celebration to Good Friday's agony. The end? No. The beginning.

Relate

1. What qualities do you admire most in great people?
2. What do you admire most about Jesus' life?

Respond

1. Read Luke 19:28-40; 22:14-30; 23:32-46.
2. What kind of Messiah did the people want, and get? Compare Psalm 118:19-29 with Psalm 31:9-16 and Isaiah 50:4-9a.
3. Why is Jesus' reign or Lordship so radical and powerful? Compare Luke 22:24-30 with Philippians 2:5-11.

Reflect

1. What servant qualities do you value or desire in your life?
2. What servant qualities do you see in one another in your group? Comment together on each person.
3. Pray with thanks and faith.

8. The empty tomb

Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:1-18

Other readings

Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
(Acts 10:34-43)

Resurrection! Hope. Doubt. Reports. Rumours. Confusion. Glimpses. Earthquake? Angels? Miracles? Stone rolled away? The tomb empty? A spirit? A real body? Women rushing back from a dawn visit. Disciples not believing them. Peter and John run to investigate. Mary Magdalene sees the risen Lord. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Relate

1. When were you surprised in your faith journey?
2. What has been a new or profound insight for you?

Respond

1. Read Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:1-18.
2. Why do you think Jesus revealed the resurrection to the women first? Note Luke 23:49,55-56.
3. Why is the resurrection so significant? See Acts 10:39-43 and 1 Corinthians 15:19-26.
4. What hope does the resurrection affirm? Note Psalm 118:14-24 and Isaiah 65:17-25.

Reflect

1. What does the presence of the risen Lord mean for you?
2. What hope or dream do you have for your future?
3. Pray about that together.

9. Easter evening

John 20:19-31

Other readings:

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 2

Revelation 1:4-8

The incredible was true. Jesus had conquered death. God's Messiah was vindicated. The new order had begun. The king reigned. The mystery deepened. This king lives in his people by his Spirit. He imparts his own Spirit to his followers. Even doubters begin to believe. Kingdom life flourishes.

Relate

1. What gives you hope?
2. What destiny do you seek?

Respond

1. Read John 20:19-31, different people reading the words of Jesus and Thomas.
2. Why do you think Jesus kept reassuring his friends? Note verses 19,21,26 and Luke 24:22-27.
3. What impact did the resurrection have on these leaders? See verses 20 and 28, Acts 5:27-32 and Psalm 2.
4. What does the resurrection mean for us? Consider verses 21-22 and Revelation 1:4-8.

Reflect

1. How do you want to respond to the glory of the Lord?
2. How can others help you respond?
3. Do that as you pray together.

10. Jesus and Peter

John 21:1-19

Other readings:

Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 30:4-12 Revelation 5:11-14

The risen Lord continued to establish his kingdom purposes in his followers. Again Jesus showed his mastery over events when his disciples were at their trade. Again they were astounded by him. Again Jesus emphasised commitment to himself. Again he called them to follow him. Again he affirmed Peter's leadership. Failure is not the end; it can be a beginning for a humbler, wiser, deeper commitment.

Relate

1. When have you had a second chance or another go?
2. When have you done better after failure or struggle?

Respond

1. Read John 21:1-19, someone narrating, others reading dialogue.
2. What's the point of this miracle? See Luke 5:4-11.
3. How did amazement turn to worship and commitment? Note Acts 9:3-6,17-20 and Revelation 5:11-14.
4. How did Jesus affirm Peter's commitment? Consider Psalm 30:4-12.

Reflect

1. Where do you need to be affirmed or encouraged just now?
2. What are the strengths you see in people in your group? Comment on each person together, and write down what people say to you.
3. Pray in affirmation for one another.

11. Jesus the Good Shepherd

John 10:22-30

Other readings:

Acts 13:15-16,26-33 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17

At the winter Hanukkah festival, celebrating deliverance from foreign oppression, nationalism ran high. Jewish leaders wanted to pin down Jesus' claims. Was he the Messiah? He was, but not as they expected. His kingdom has no end. Jesus exercises his authority and divinity especially among his own people. Those who share kingdom life know their king, their shepherd, their guardian, their protector, their friend.

Relate

1. When has someone taken the trouble to guide or shepherd you?
2. When have you given time to help or care for someone?

Respond

1. Read John 10:22-30, a paragraph each.
2. Why did Jesus' claims cause so much anger? See verses 30-33.
3. Why are those claims so revolutionary? Note verses 25-30, Acts 13:26-33.
4. What does the Lord's shepherding involve? Consider Psalm 23 and Revelation 7:9-17.

Reflect

1. What shepherding do you need or hope for?
2. How can this group help?
3. Pray and plan about that together.

12. Jesus the way of love

John 13:31-35

Other readings:

Acts 14:8-18 Psalm 145:13b-21 Revelation 21:1-6

Jesus lived and demonstrated a new dimension of love. Strong love. Divine love. Self-giving love. God-centred love. He also commanded this for his followers. They were to be known for that kind of love. Pure. Strong. Selfless. Sacrificial. This was a new commandment, not just a repeat of the old. We are to love as Jesus did, with his love. That's the true mark of his followers.

Relate

1. When did someone's love for you surprise you?
2. When have you been surprised by God's love?

Respond

1. Read John 13:31-35, a verse each.
2. How is the Lord's love unique? Note Psalm 145:13b-21.
3. How did Jesus demonstrate this love? Compare with Acts 14:8-10.
4. How is that love to be fulfilled? See verses 31-32 and Revelation 21:1-6.

Reflect

1. How do you want to apply this command to your life?
2. How can the group help?
3. Do that as you pray together.

13. Jesus present among his people

John 14:23-29

Other readings:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10,22-27

Jesus would not remain physically present with his followers, but he promised something greater. Just as he was in the Father, the Father in him, and the Spirit one in them, so Jesus would send his Spirit through whom he and the Father would be intimately present with his people. He prepared his followers for the coming of the Holy Spirit who would bring a new dimension of intimacy and power.

Relate

1. How have you experienced the Lord's intimacy or presence?
2. How have you experienced the Lord's action or power?

Respond

1. Read John 14:23-29, a paragraph each.
2. Why is this promise astounding? See Luke 24:48-49.
3. What does close union with God involve? Consider Acts 15:24-29 and Revelation 21:22-27.
4. How does this affect society and nations? Note Psalm 67.

Reflect

1. In what way do you want greater intimacy with the Lord?
2. In what way do you want the Lord's power in your life?
3. Pray together about that.

14. Jesus prays for his people

John 17:20-26

Other readings:

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20

Jesus' prayer for all believers boggles the mind. He prayed for a unique kind of unity, impossible apart from his Spirit in us. He prayed that his people would be one. Not merely of one mind, but one. One in him, as he is one with the Father. He repeated this astounding request, that the unity he had with the Father will be the unity we have in him, and that the love he shared with the Father will be the love we share in him.

Relate

1. How have you discovered intimacy with God?
2. How has this intimacy changed your view of others?

Respond

1. Read John 17:20-26, one person reading/praying.
2. What is Jesus' goal for us on earth? Note Acts 16:17-18,29-34.
3. What is Jesus' ultimate goal for us? See Revelation 22:12-21.
4. How does this affect us now? Consider Psalm 97.

Reflect

1. What kind of love and intimacy with the Lord can you expect?
2. What will this mean in daily life?
3. Pray for that.

15. The day of Pentecost

John 14:8-17,25-27

Other readings:

Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34 Romans 8:14-17
(Acts 2:1-21)

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to his disciples as their Counsellor, the Spirit of truth. During the forty days in which he appeared to them after his resurrection he spoke about the kingdom of God and renewed his promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit. They were filled with the Spirit at the Pentecost harvest festival. The Spirit empowered them. Three thousand were added to their community that day. The church was launched. God's kingdom grew.

Relate

1. What has been your experience of the Holy Spirit?
2. How has this changed you?

Respond

1. Read John 14:8-17,25-27, a paragraph each.
2. What difference does the coming of the Spirit make? See verses 12-17 and Romans 8:14-17.
3. How did the Spirit's coming affect people. Compare Genesis 11:1-9 with Acts 2:1-21.
4. How does the Spirit glorify God. Note Psalm 104:30-34.

Reflect

1. What expressions of the Spirit do you see in others in your group? Comment together on each person.
2. What expressions of the Spirit do you seek more fully now?
3. Pray about that together.

16. The Trinity

John 16:12-15

Other readings:

Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

God the Father is revealed in God the Son by God the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised this incredible union with God through the presence of God's Spirit in our lives and in the world. Kingdom life is God's life in us, procured by the Son of God and imparted by the Spirit of God. We share God's life. God's life in us transforms us and others.

Relate

1. How has your understanding of God grown?
2. How do you understand God's greatness and intimacy?

Respond

1. Read John 16:12-15, a verse each.
2. How does the Spirit of truth unite God's vastness with our lives? See Psalm 8 and Proverbs 8:22-31.
3. How does the Holy Spirit bring glory to Christ? Note Romans 5:1-2,5.
4. How does God's presence change us. Consider Romans 5:3-5.

Reflect

1. What have you valued about God's presence in your group?
2. What verbal gifts of appreciation or encouragement can you give to each person in your group?
3. Do that and conclude with prayers of thanks and worship.

Appendix 1: Studies arranged according to lectionary readings

PART I THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS

Preparation: The coming of Jesus the Messiah

1. The coming of the Lord Luke 21:25-36 Advent 1
2. John the Baptist Luke 3:1-6 Advent 2
3. The Messiah Luke 3:7-18 Advent 3
4. Mary's Son Luke 1:39-55 Advent 4
5. Infancy and childhood of Jesus Luke 2:41-52 Christmas 1
6. Reflections on the birth of Jesus John 1:1-18 Christmas 2

Commencement: The figure of Jesus the Messiah

7. The baptism of Jesus Luke 3:15-17,21-22 Sunday 1
8. The marriage feast at Cana John 2:1-11 Sunday 2

Luke's program for Jesus' ministry

9. The visit to Nazareth (1) Luke 4:14-21 Sunday 3
10. The visit to Nazareth (2) Luke 4:21-30 Sunday 4

The Galilean ministry

11. The call of the first disciples Luke 5:1-11 Sunday 5
12. The sermon on the plain (1) Luke 6:17-26 Sunday 6
13. The sermon on the plain (2) Luke 6:27-38 Sunday 7
14. The sermon on the plain (3) Luke 6:39-49 Sunday 8
15. The cure of the centurion's servant Luke 7:1-10 Sunday 9
16. The widow of Nain Luke 7:11-17 Sunday 10
17. Jesus' feet anointed Luke 7:36-8:3 Sunday 11
18. Peter's confession of faith Luke 9:18-24 Sunday 12

The travel narrative: part one

19. The journey to Jerusalem begins Luke 9:51-62 Sunday 13
20. The mission of the seventy-two Luke 10:1-12,17-20 Sunday 14
21. The good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37 Sunday 15
22. Martha and Mary Luke 10:38-42 Sunday 16
23. The importunate friend Luke 11:1-13 Sunday 17
24. The parable of the rich fool Luke 12:13-21 Sunday 18
25. The need for vigilance Luke 12:32-40 Sunday 19
26. Not peace but division Luke 12:49-56 Sunday 20
27. Few will be saved Luke 13:22-30 Sunday 21
28. True humility Luke 14:1,7-14 Sunday 22
29. The cost of discipleship Luke 14:25-33 Sunday 23

The Gospel within the Gospel

30. The lost coin, sheep, and son Luke 15:1-10 (11-32) Sunday 24

The travel narrative: part two

31. The unjust steward Luke 16:1-13 Sunday 25
32. The rich man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31 Sunday 26
33. A lesson on faith and dedication Luke 17:5-10 Sunday 27

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| 34. The ten lepers | Luke 17:11-19 | Sunday 28 |
| 35. The unjust judge | Luke 18:1-8 | Sunday 29 |
| 36. The Pharisee and the tax collector | Luke 18:9-14 | Sunday 30 |
| 37. Zacchaeus | Luke 19:1-10 | Sunday 31 |

The ministry in Jerusalem

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| 38. The resurrection debated | Luke 20:27-38 | Sunday 32 |
| 39. The signs announcing the end | Luke 21:5-19 | Sunday 33 |

Conclusion: The fulfilment of the ministry

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| 40. Christ the King | John 12:9-19 | Sunday 34 |
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PART II THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Preparation for the Passion of Jesus

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| 1. The transfiguration | Luke 9:28-36 | Sunday before Lent |
| 2. The temptations | Luke 4:1-13 | Lent 1 |
| 3. The meaning of the cross | Luke 13:31-35 | Lent 2 |
| 4. Teaching about repentance (1) | Luke 13:1-9 | Lent 3 |
| 5. Teaching about repentance (2) | Luke 15:1-3,11-32 | Lent 4 |
| 6. Mary anoints Jesus | John 12:1-8 | Lent 5 |
| 7. Palm Sunday and the crucifixion | Luke 19:28-40 | Lent 6 |
| | Luke 22:14-23:56 | |

Resurrection Appearances of Jesus

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| 8. The empty tomb | Luke 24:1-12 | Easter Sunday |
| 9. Easter evening | John 20:19-31 | Easter 2 |
| 10. Jesus and Peter | John 21:1-19 | Easter 3 |

Observations about Jesus

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| 11. Jesus the Good Shepherd | John 10:22-30 | Easter 4 |
| 12. Jesus the way of love | John 13:31-35 | Easter 5 |
| 13. Jesus present among his people | John 14:23-29 | Easter 6 |
| 14. Jesus prays for his people | John 17:20-26 | Easter 7 |

The coming of the Holy Spirit

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| 15. The day of Pentecost | John 14:8-17,25-27 | Pentecost Sunday |
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Conclusion: The Godhead

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| 16. The Trinity | John 16:12-15 | Trinity Sunday |
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Appendix 2: Studies arranged according to gospel readings

I 4. Mary's Son	Luke 1:39-55
I 5. Infancy and childhood of Jesus	Luke 2:41-52
I 2. John the Baptist	Luke 3:1-6
I 3. The Messiah	Luke 3:7-18
I 7. The baptism of Jesus	Luke 3:15-17,21-22
II 2. The temptations	Luke 4:1-13
I 9. The visit to Nazareth (1)	Luke 4:14-21
I 10. The visit to Nazareth (2)	Luke 4:21-30
I 11. The call of the first disciples	Luke 5:1-11
I 12. The sermon on the plain (1)	Luke 6:17-26
I 13. The sermon on the plain (2)	Luke 6:27-38
I 14. The sermon on the plain (3)	Luke 6:39-49
I 15. The cure of the centurion's servant	Luke 7:1-10
I 16. The widow of Nain	Luke 7:11-17
I 17. Jesus' feet anointed	Luke 7:36-8:3
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I 19. The journey to Jerusalem begins	Luke 9:51-62
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I 21. The good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
I 22. Martha and Mary	Luke 10:38-42
I 23. The importunate friend	Luke 11:1-13
I 24. The parable of the rich fool	Luke 12:13-21
I 25. The need for vigilance	Luke 12:32-40
I 26. Not peace but division	Luke 12:49-56
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II 3. The meaning of the cross	Luke 13:31-35
I 28. True humility	Luke 14:1,7-14
I 29. The cost of discipleship	Luke 14:25-33
I 30. The lost coin, sheep, and son	Luke 15:1-32
II 5. Teaching about repentance (2)	Luke 15:1-3,11-32
I 31. The unjust steward	Luke 16:1-13
I 32. The rich man and Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31
I 33. A lesson on faith and dedication	Luke 17:5-10
I 34. The ten lepers	Luke 17:11-19
I 35. The unjust judge	Luke 18:1-8
I 36. The Pharisee and the tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
I 37. Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
II 7. Palm Sunday	Luke 19:28-40
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I 1. The coming of the Lord	Luke 21:25-36
II 7. The crucifixion	Luke 22:14-23:56
II 8. The empty tomb	Luke 24:1-12
I 6. Reflections on the birth of Jesus	John 1:1-18
I 8. The marriage feast at Cana	John 2:1-11

II 11. Jesus the Good Shepherd	John 10:22-30
II 6. Mary anoints Jesus	John 12:1-8
I 40. Christ the King	John 12:9-19
II 12. Jesus the way of love	John 13:31-35
II 15. The day of Pentecost	John 14:8-17,25-27
II 13. Jesus present among his people	John 14:23-29
II 16. The Trinity	John 16:12-15
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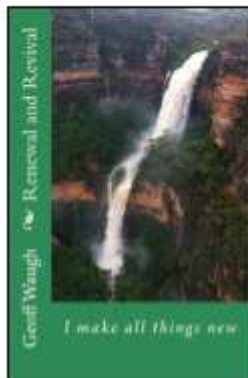
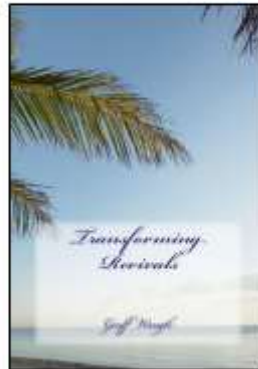
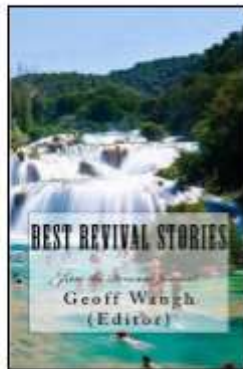
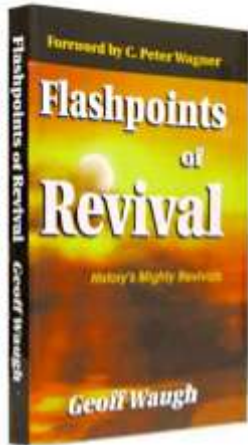
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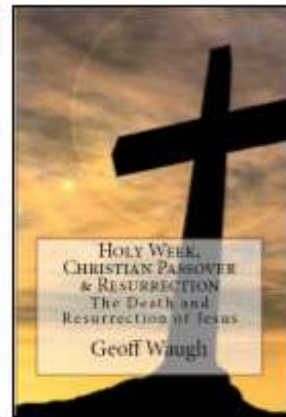
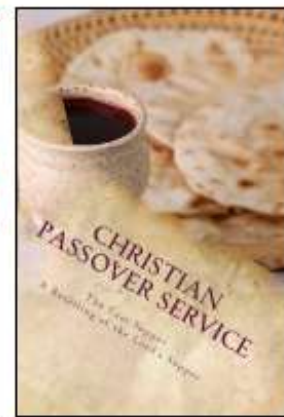
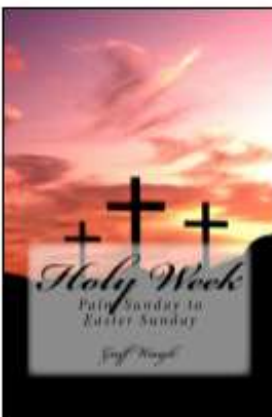
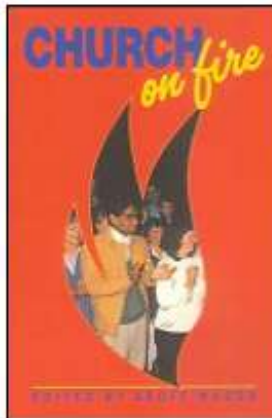
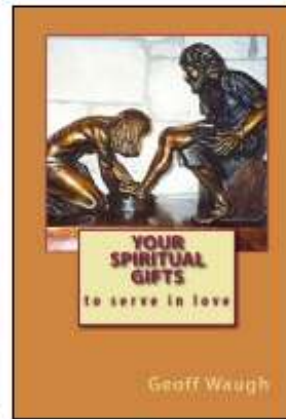
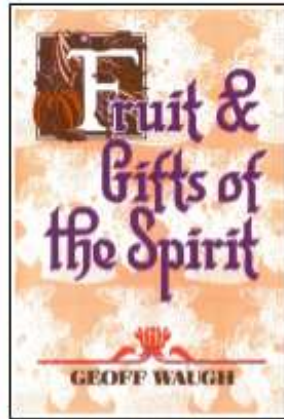
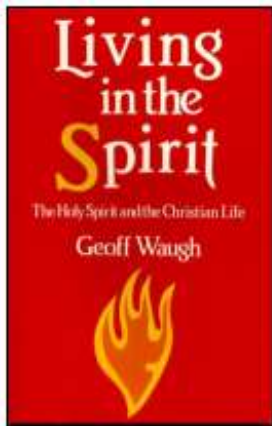
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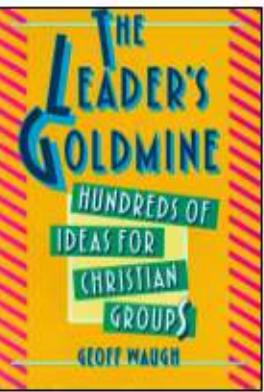
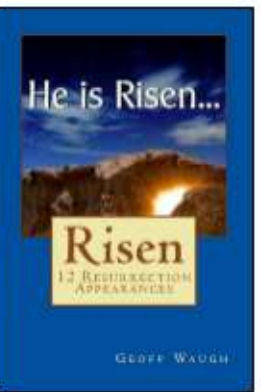
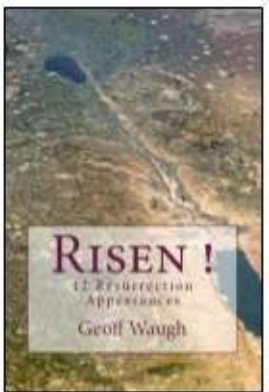
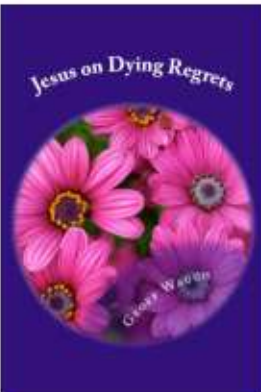
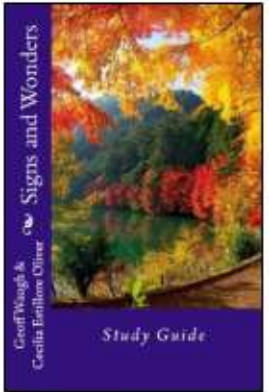
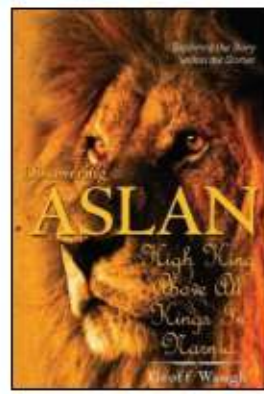
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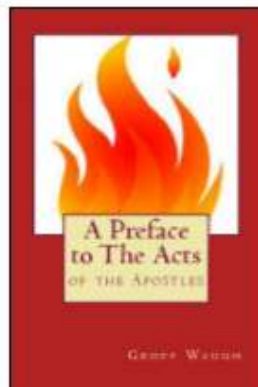
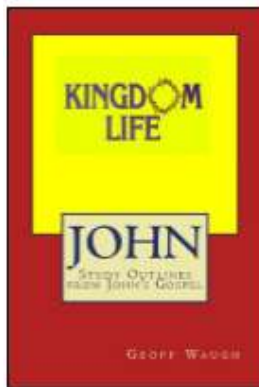
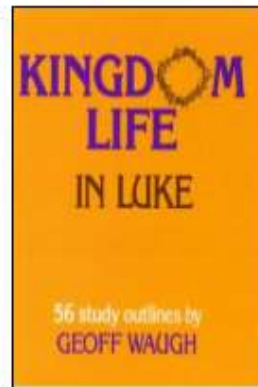
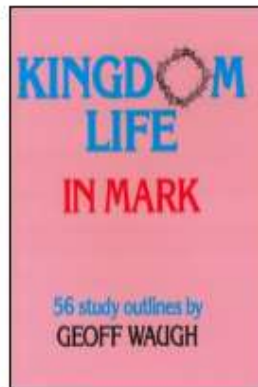
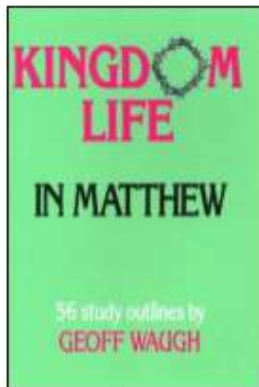
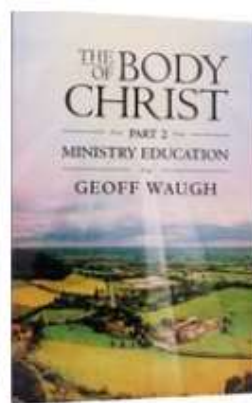
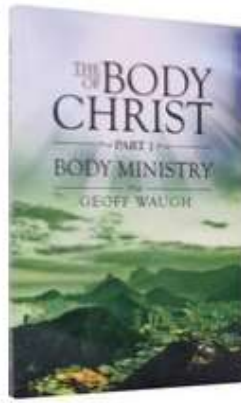
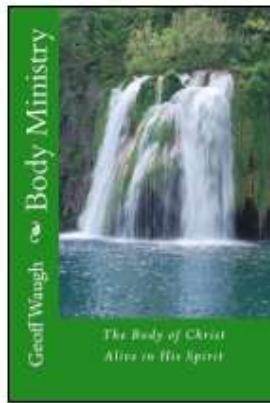
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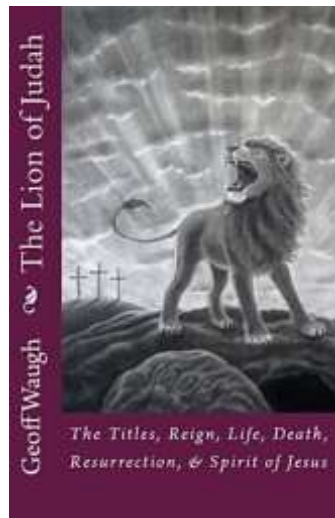
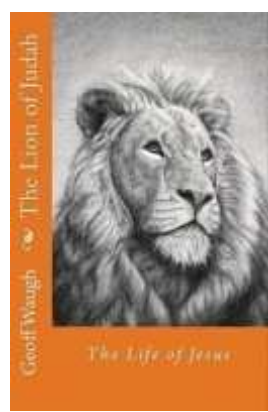
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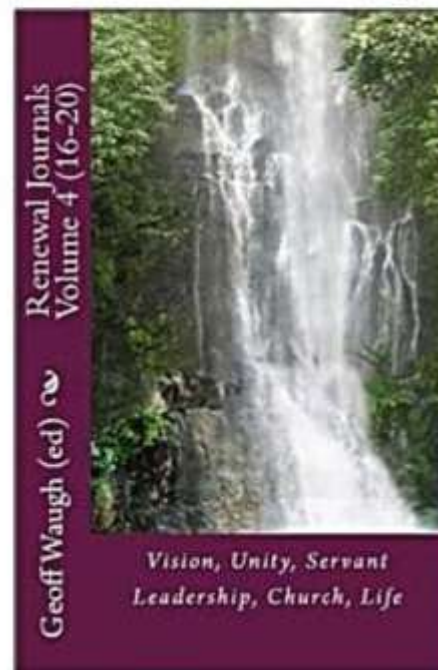
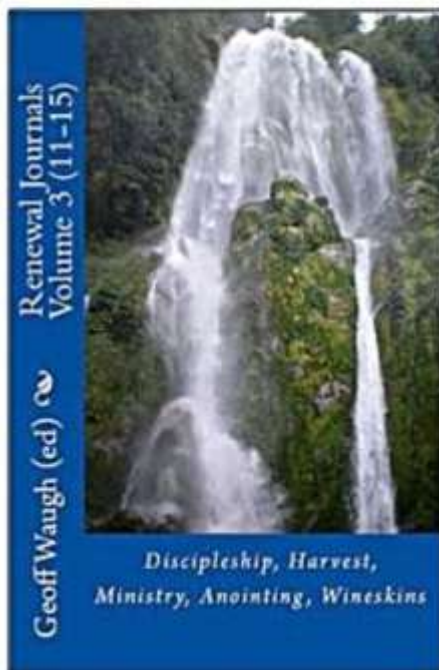
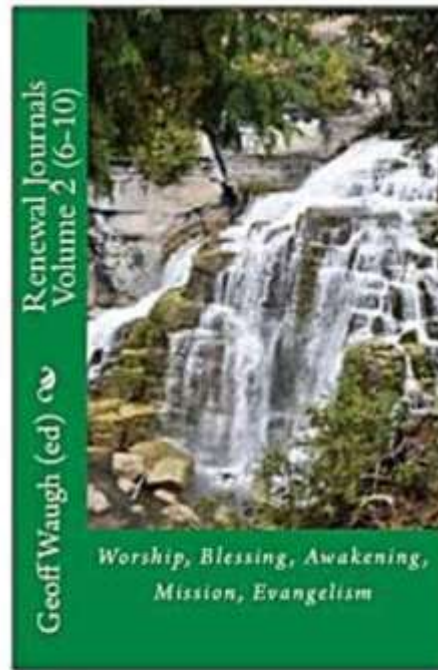
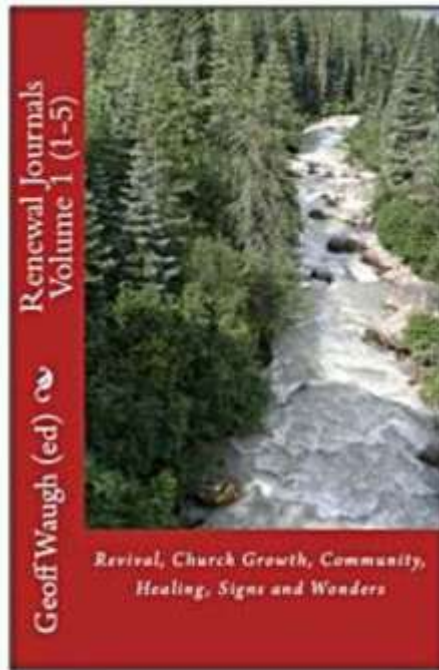
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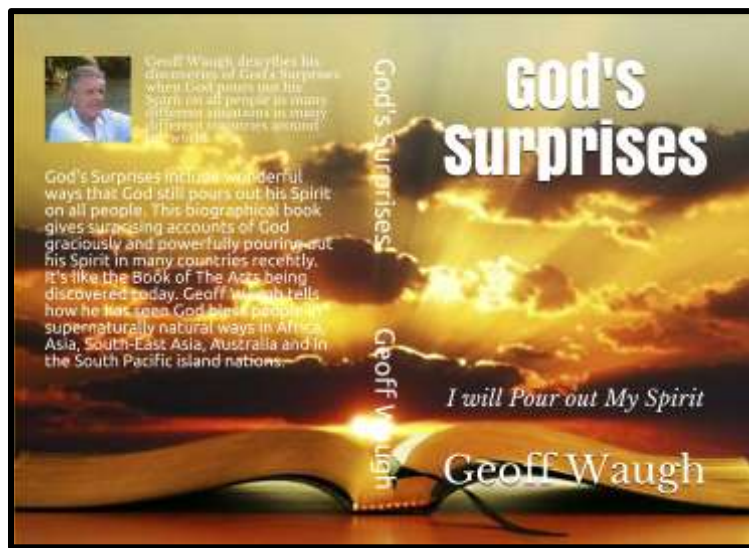
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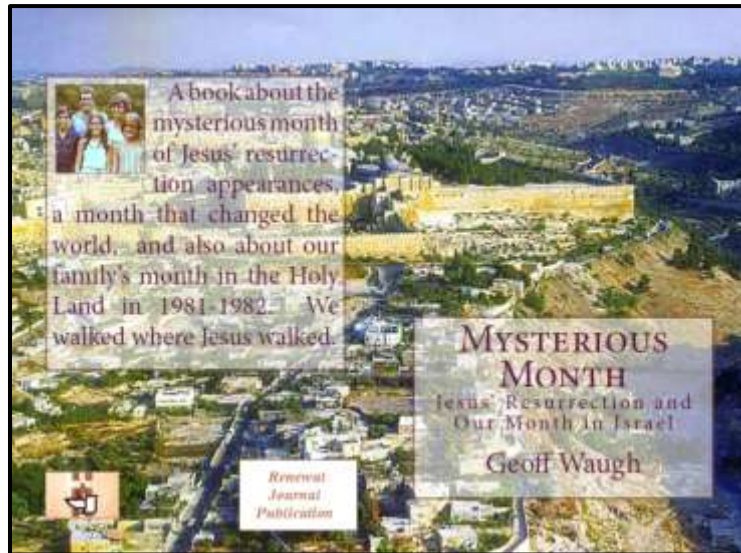
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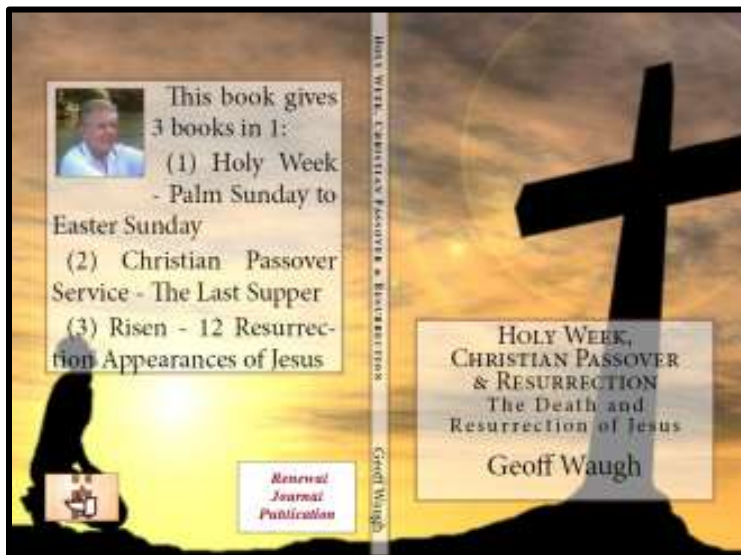
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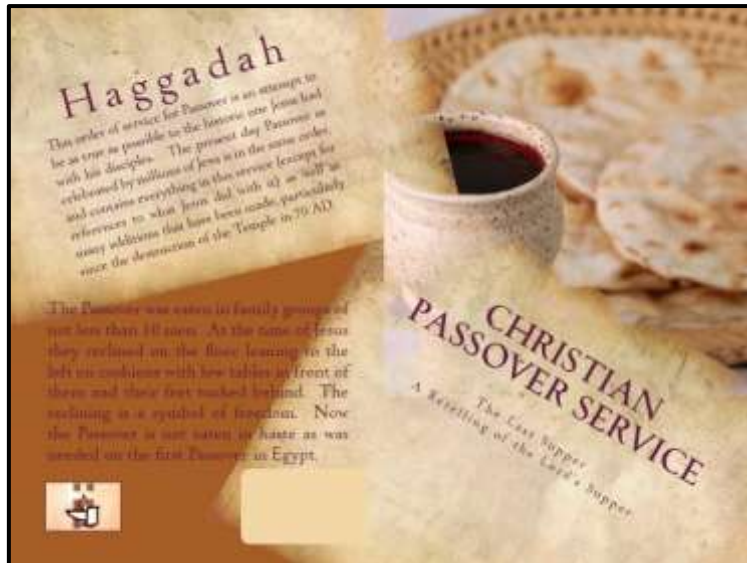
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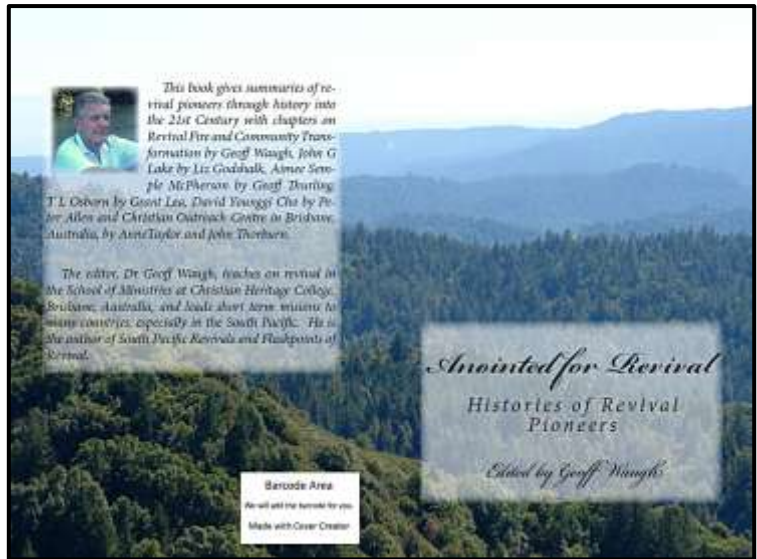
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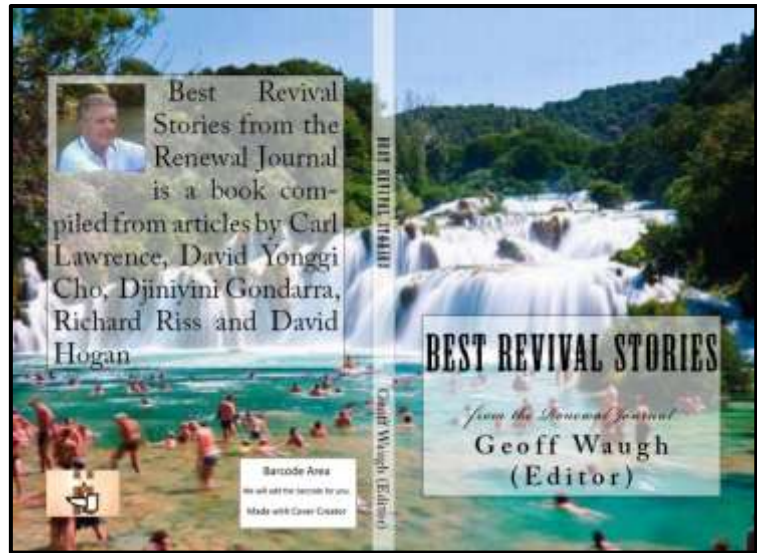
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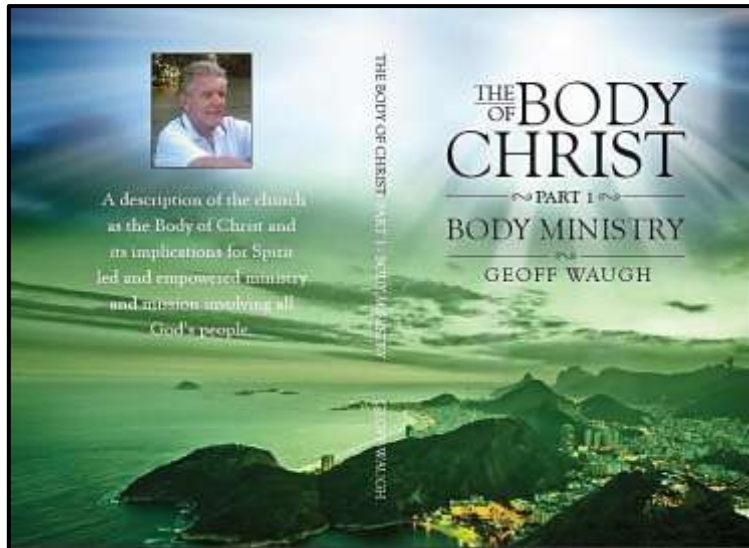
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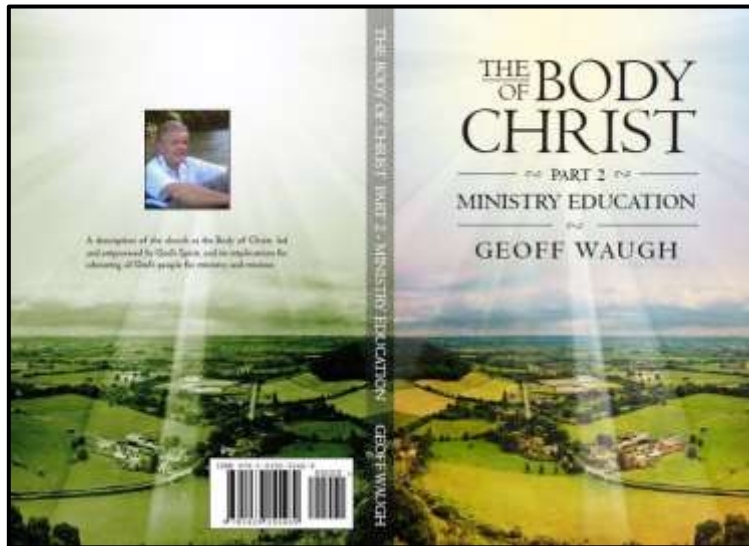
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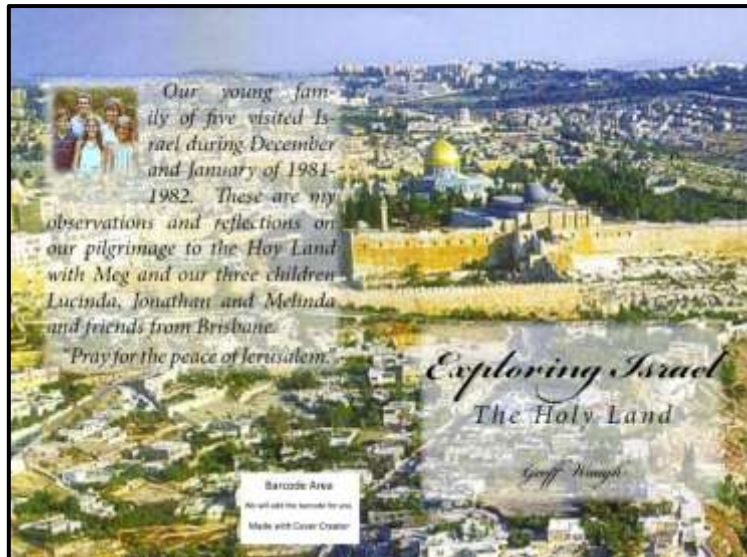
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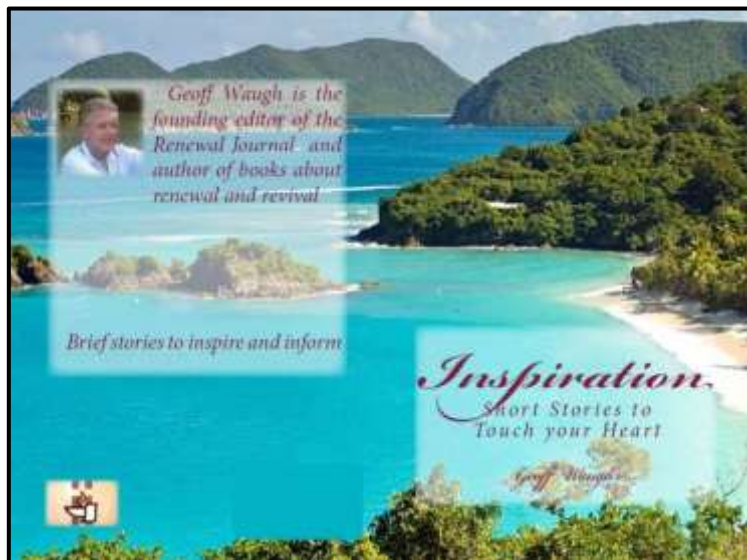
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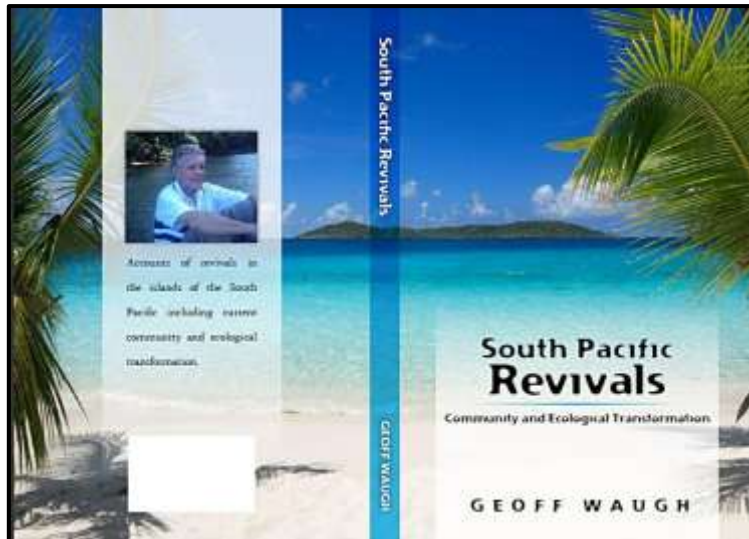
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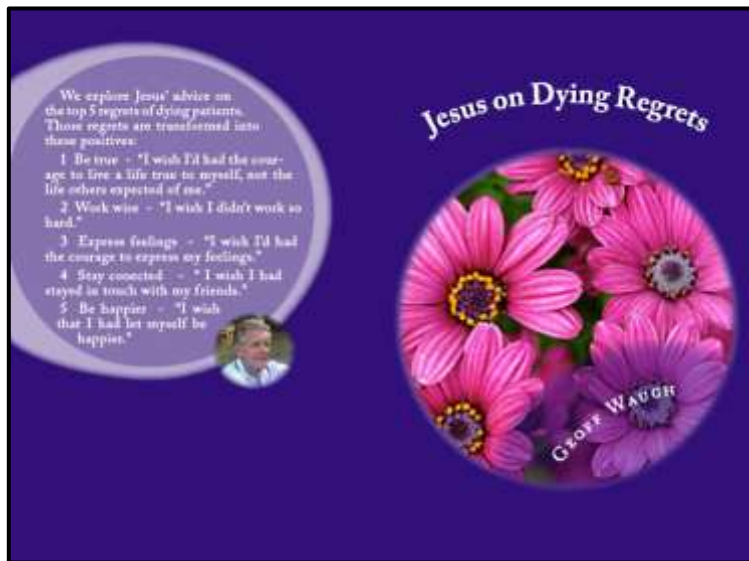
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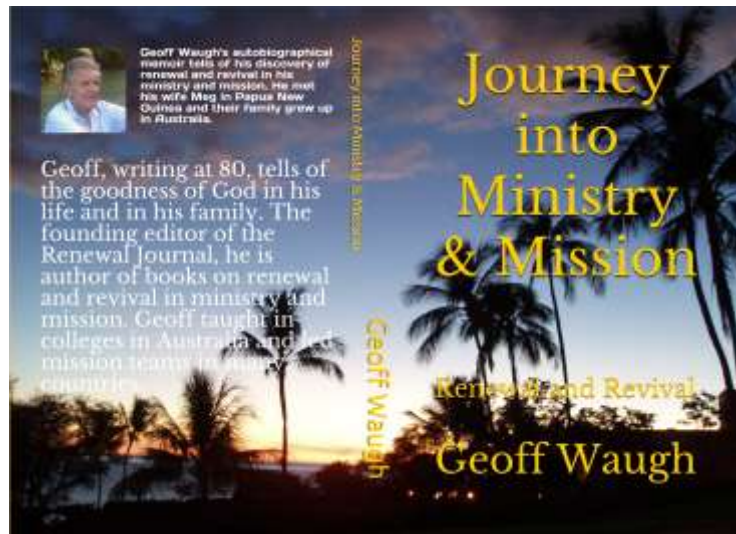
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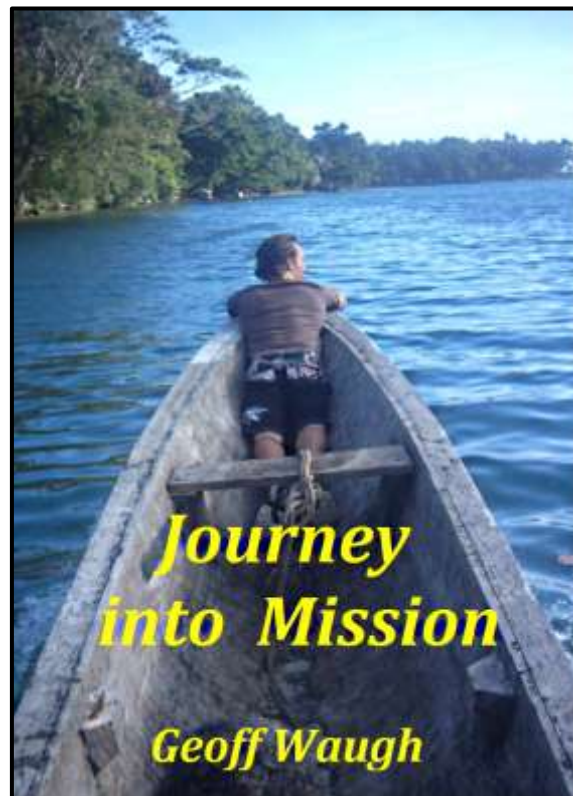


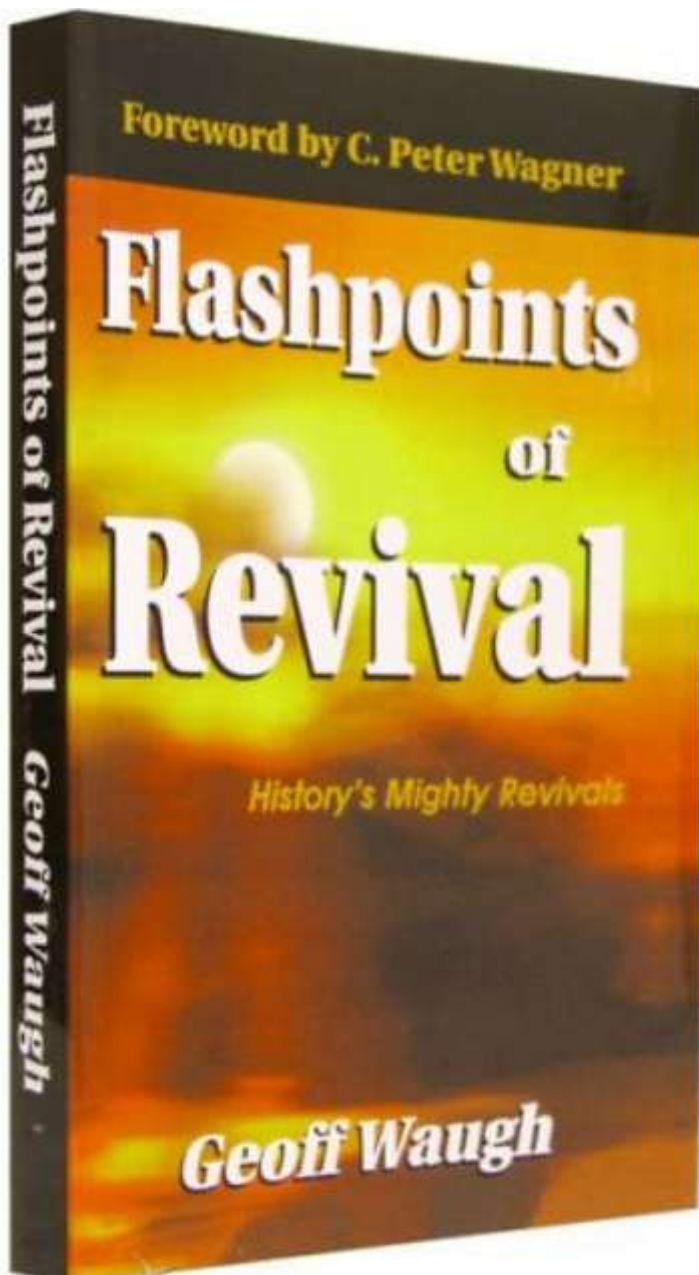
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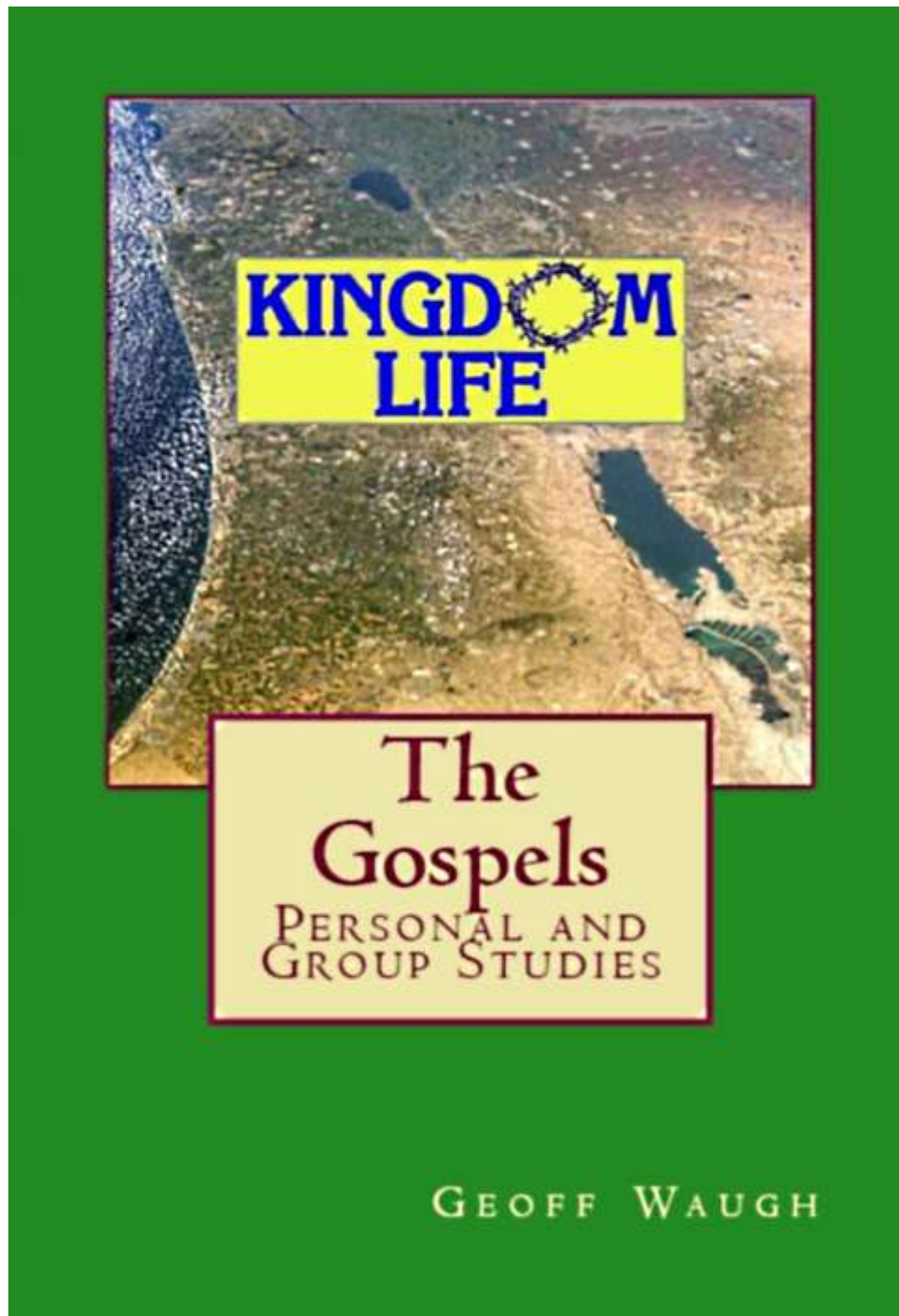
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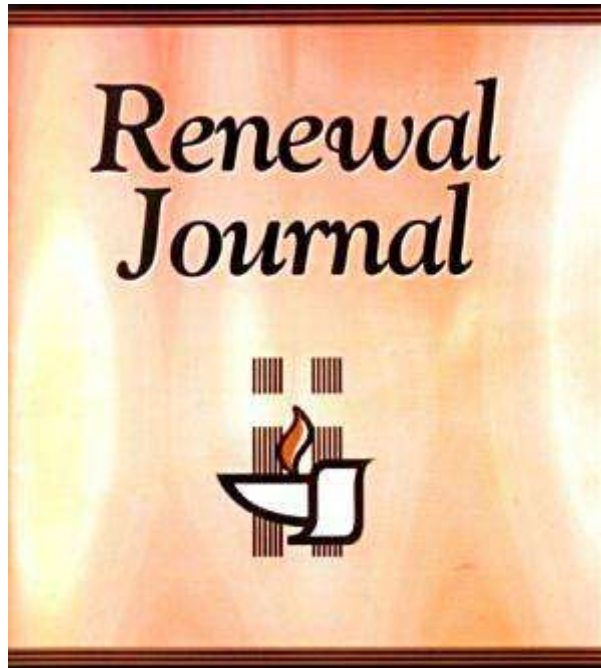


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