Deeper Riches: Luke

Week 1 - Luke 1:1-4

This activity is meant to help you get acquainted with the Book of Luke. This can be done individually, or together with your small group.

1. Read **Luke 1:1-4** below:

- ¹ Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us. ³ It also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed. (Christian Standard Bible)
- 2. In these first four verses, the author gives us an introduction to the book. Reread these verses and write down a few things you notice. What can you tell about the book from this introduction?

- 3. As we begin our study of the book of Luke, we need to gather a little background information. One way to do this is to read an Introduction to the Gospel of Luke in a Study Bible or commentary (like the ESV Study Bible Introduction to Luke). As you read, look for answers to the questions that follow. (Bonus: Can you answer any of these questions just from your reading of Luke 1:1-4?)
 - Who is the **author** of the book? What can you find out about him?
 - Who is the audience?
 - What **kind** of book is this? (for example Historical Narrative, Poetry, Prophecy, etc...)

•	What is Luke's purpose in writing the book?
•	How did Luke go about writing this book? (Where did he get his information from?)
•	Can you discover anything about the basic outline of the book? (What path is the story going to follow?)
•	Can you discover anything about the themes of the book? (<i>Themes</i> are the big ideas of a book. They will help us understand what Luke is trying to teach us as we read.)
•	What else did you discover about the Gospel of Luke?
	(Additional resources are available at DeeperRiches.com/Luke-Week-1 .)