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? (Themes 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?
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