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## A Divine-Human Venture

Did you know that 8 billion Bibles have been printed since 1816? Over 100 million Bibles are being printed each year. Over 90% of the world's written languages now have at least a portion of the Bible in print. There are an average of 4 Bibles in every house in America.

I'll admit it, my view is biased. I believe without hesitation in the divine nature of the Bible. I believe the apostle Paul when he declared, "All Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3.16). I am convinced in the voracity of Peter's words, when he said, "prophecy never had its origin in the will of men, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1.21). The words of the Psalmist are true: God's Word is "more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb" (Psalm 19.10).

What amazes me about the Bible is that it is the product of the joint labor of God and man.

There is a great diversity in the way in which the books of the Bible were written. Moses, as he presented a written copy of the Ten Commandments to the Israelites, declared that he had written the words God spoke, and the people declared in response, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey" (Exodus 24.7). Jeremiah, and other prophets, spoke of the word of the Lord coming to them, and the implication is that they then preserved those words in writing. Luke doesn't refer to dictation as he explained his writing technique to Theophilus, his intended audience; instead, he spoke of "having carefully investigated everything," so that he could "write an orderly account" (Luke 1.3). Paul interjected "opinion" (actually, discerning judgment) alongside instruction he had received from the Lord (1 Corinthians 7.10-12, 25-26, 40). The apostle John explained that the Lord told him, "Write on a scroll what you see" (Revelation 1.11), implying a certain amount of subjectivity in preserving in writing a description of the scenes witnessed in his ecstasy. And, then there's the examples of so many psalmists who cried out to God, not in rote ritual, but in honest, heartfelt expressions, such as the one who cried out in vindictiveness, "O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is he who repays you for what you have done to us--he who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks" (Psalm 137.8-9).

What do these references show us? Could it be that the image of a Bible writer (like Moses, David, Paul, or John) huddled in a corner, entranced, and diligently writing down words as they are supplied by the Spirit is rather simplistic? There are instances of dictation, to be certain. Moses, as he was on top of Sinai, wasn't given much of a freehand, it would seem. And the prophets spoke as they were directed by God to speak. But, it would seem, many of the human writers of Scripture had a freehand, to some extent. Or, perhaps it would be better said, many authors were enlightened to write, blessed with certain opportunities and experiences, blessed with being in the right place at the right time, blessed with spiritual insight, and blessed with capacities of remembrance or understanding, but with the freedom to express themselves in words that were their own.

But, before you think I'm saying more than I'm saying, these authors, freehand aside, were directed by God. God, in his infinite wisdom and ability molded together the divine and human, and the timeless Bible is the product.

God could have done things differently. He could have tossed down the completed Bible from heaven's presses above to the earth below. He could have stamped each copy with his own autograph. But, he didn't do this. He used men (and perhaps a few women; remember, Deborah, and her song?).

Consider this: God spoke to mankind through the words of men. How intimate! And, not without precedent. John, one of those writers of Scripture, said, "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth... No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known" (John 1.14, 18).

- Jeff Foster

# Gospel of Luke

## Bible Class

Led by Trent Herbert

### Study Questions Luke Chapter 12

1. Why did Jesus liken the hypocrisy of the Pharisees to "leaven"?
2. To whom should we fear, why?
3. How can those who speak against Jesus be forgiven while those who blaspheme the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven?
4. What is the overall context of vs 8-12?
5. Does Jesus teach that we should not care if we have home or clothes or food? Explain?
6. If Jesus is coming at an unknown hour, why do people keep trying to predict His coming?
7. Why do we need to be ready?
8. Why did Jesus come (vs 51)? What does that mean?
9. What were the crowds not reading correctly?
10. Where else in the New Testament do we see Jesus give this teaching?

The majority of chapter 12 is Jesus speaking. He is teaching His disciples and the crowds that are following Him. He gives a reason for His coming that is different than we often think.

In chapter 11, Jesus called out the Pharisees and the lawyers for their hypocrisy and lack of belief, but even worse, they're hindering others from seeing the truth. In chapter 12 as Jesus continues to teach, He gives a warning. He teaches about being ready and what to expect.

I encourage you to spend an hour with us on Sunday nights as we seek to understand the gospel of Luke in its context. We are taking our time as we go through to discuss Jesus, His teaching, and the forces at play. Please join us Sunday nights at 6pm on Zoom even it is just to listen. We would be encouraged by your presence.

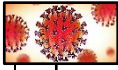
Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Call Laura Fry or  
360-876-2604  
for Zoom Meeting ID

# Our Prayer List

- Paula Hill has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is waiting to her from the surgeon.
- Please lift Paula, Troy and their children up in prayers along with the medical staff that will be treating her.
- Darrell Fry is asking prayers for his sister Myrna who is having dizzy spells.
- Praise all the local Frys are now back here with us - for how long before they travel again? - who knows. We will just be glad they are here.
- From Dale Sanders: A co-worker (Brent) has been feeling bad since Sunday. Ended up taking him to urgent care, then to Integris ER. Ends up he has diverticulitis which created a small rupture in his intestines. He was admitted to Integris Hospital in Edmond. Trying antibiotics but may need surgery. Brent has led a rough life but believes in prayers. He is also alone since losing his wife to leukemia three years ago.
- Carol Henry Smith's son, Steve whom we have prayed for and had surgery a few months ago recently had a biopsy of his liver which came back positive. In 8-10 days, they will find out the results of the biopsy of his colon. Please keep Steve and his family in your prayers. Carol was with us in church this past Sunday and will be back up here from her home in Arizona next month.
- Laura Fry arrived back home on Monday and Darrell and Brandon Zepf should be home Wednesday.
- Pray for James and Connie Greer who will be driving to Texas on Monday to visit with relatives. They will be gone about a month.
- Prayers are being requested for God to provide Shauna whatever she needs. She is going through a rough time right now. Shauna previously was a member but has since moved to I believe Iowa.
- Shelby's mother passed away around 6 pm May 3rd. She is with her cousin right now. Please keep Shelby and her family in your prayers for comfort and healing and for Gary who was with her.
- Karri Schmeltzer's mother for healing.
- Pray for Sarah Benjamin's grandfather who has blood cancer.
- Frankie Gower as she awaits definite dates for surgery. Pray also for the medical staff.
- The Chasteen's dog, Ziggy is recovering at home after having surgery last week.
- Karri Schmeltzer's mother for healing.
- Pray for Sarah Benjamin's grandfather who has blood cancer.
- Frankie Gower as she awaits definite dates for surgery. Pray also for the medical staff.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.
- Praises to God our Father who never fails.

# POCOC Web Site ( <http://pococ.weebly.com> )

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings too:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the video.  
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**



MASK UP.  
SIX FEET.  
SMALL GROUPS.

It takes all THREE.

## Sunday Worship (10:30 am – 12:00 noon)

There **WILL** be “in-person” worship

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ)



Speaker:	Forrest Gatewood
Scripture:	Forrest Gatewood
Prayer:	Jon Powless
Communion:	Dave Snynn

To worship from the Parking Lot:  
Tune your radio to 93.1 FM  
You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

Children will be dismissed after communion (with parent’s permission)  
for **Children’s Worship** downstairs

## Classes

### Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15am

### Adult: Auditorium

Jim Snead will fill in for James while he is travelling

### Children:

Combined Class Downstairs

### Luke Class

Zoom Meeting: Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

### Ladies Prayer Group

Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, 10:00 am

### Prayer Meeting

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, 5:00 pm

Call Laura Fry or 360-876-2604  
for Zoom Meeting ID

## Happy Birthday!

**May:** Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26, Gene Gerard – 28, Sarah Hill – 31

**June:** Judy VanLeuven – 11, Obidiah Herbert – 14, Lila Mason – 15, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin – 24, Cathie Cates – 26, Pilita David – 26, Greg Warner – 29

**Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments**

## ***Tithes and Offerings***

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) The collection box will be in the foyer.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

### Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ  
4135 Carr Lane SE  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

May 16, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 1,488.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

## **Acappella Praise & Harmony**

Keith Lancaster and the Acappella Company

When you're involved in a cappella congregational worship, something profound happens.

Maybe you've noticed it, the thing that makes a capella worship services great.

Good sound is nice, yes. Pretty voices are a plus, and the latest and greatest worship anthems are all wonderful. None of these, however, are the clincher for truly great worship.

Do you know what the secret is? If not, your praise gatherings are missing out.

Enter Keith Lancaster's Praise & Harmony Workshops.

Drawing on nearly 40 years of worship ministry experience,

Keith believes that, whether you describe your Sunday

morning worship as uninspiring or engaging, you can have more energy, better flow, more songs, more connection, more music competency, more emotional variety, and fresh arrangements of the classics by incorporating just a few, simple techniques that revolve around one goal: 100% participation.

That's it. That's the secret. Consummate praise is not achieved by execution so much as inclusion. We see this principle in scripture passages like Ephesians 5:19: "Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." In fact, God Himself sings over us (Zephaniah 3:17), calling us to join the song of the universe.

The link below will take you to mix of 4 hours of the music of Acappella Praise & Harmony. Enjoy!

<https://acappella.org/praise-and-harmony/>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97K6DX\\_9b-4&t=7537s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97K6DX_9b-4&t=7537s)





# Homeless Outreach and Self-Care Day

MAY 22 10 AM - 5 PM

## Free Services included:

- Showers
- Haircuts
- Clean Clothes
- Hot Food
- Cold Food to go
- Hygiene Kits
- other resources

Located at Church of Christ  
4135 Carr Ln SE, Port Orchard,  
WA 98366

This community outreach event is organized by the NS Alumni group who are in the Heritage House next to the church building. There is a lot of interest in this event, not only by the community, but by several local community resources and assistance groups.

If you are interested in volunteering to help, they are still needing help with setup, sorting, manning booths, etc. Plan to arrive around 9:00 – 10:00 Saturday morning. Look for the check-in table/booth.

They are also still welcoming clean clothing and items for the homeless.



# RUNNING the RACE

## SUMMER Reading Plan

### Life – and exercise – move at different paces for different people.

Some enjoy leisurely walks, strolls or rolls, while others speed-walk, jog or even sprint. Some people have a 26.2 sticker on their vehicle, indicating they've run a marathon, while others boast of running a half-marathon (13.1) or no marathon (0.0)!

Thankfully, you don't have to be an athlete of any kind to run the Christian "race." The Bible uses running metaphors, however, to encourage followers of Jesus to train, focus, persevere and attain the heavenly prize. Use this Summer Reading Plan to strengthen your faith and your relationship with Jesus. Complete one square each day or every other day, and you'll journey through significant chunks of the New Testament this summer. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to join you as a "running partner"!



### Mile 1 Read *Philippians 1*

Re-read verse 6 and consider how your faith journey is a work in progress.

### Mile 3 Read *Philippians 3*

Look back at verses 13 and 14, and brainstorm a list of ways to keep your eyes on the heavenly "prize."

### Mile 5 Read *Colossians 1*

Re-read verse 11. Name three specific ways God gives you strength and endurance.

### Mile 7 Read *Colossians 3*

Look back at verses 23 and 24. What keeps you running for God, not for other people or for personal accolades?

### Mile 9 Read *1 Timothy 1*

Doodle about how God's law keeps you from wandering away from him.

### Mile 11 Read *1 Timothy 3*

What aspects of staying "above reproach" are most challenging for you as a follower of Jesus?

### Mile 13 Read *1 Timothy 5*

Anonymously perform a kind deed for someone in your family or community.

### Mile 15 Read *2 Timothy 1*

Describe specific ways your life reveals a spirit of power, a spirit of love and a spirit of self-discipline.

### Mile 17 Read *2 Timothy 3*

Add a daily Bible-reading time to your spiritual training regimen.

### Mile 19 Read *James 1*

Look back at verse 12. Reflect on how God has kept his promises to you. How does that help you during times of trial?

### Mile 21 Read *James 3*

Re-read verses 17 and 18. Pray for godly wisdom as you continue your faith journey.

### Mile 23 Read *James 5*

After re-reading verse 19, think of ways to reach out to people who have wandered away from God.

### Mile 25 Read *John 20:1-18*

Consider how the good news of Jesus' resurrection gives you reasons to run and share the Gospel message.

### ➔ Mile 2 Read *Philippians 2*

Re-read verse 5 and pray to have the same attitude as Jesus.

### Mile 4 Read *Philippians 4*

Write verse 13 on a sticky note and place it where you'll see it daily.

### Mile 6 Read *Colossians 2*

Review verses 6 and 7, make a gratitude list and say a prayer of thanks to God.

### Mile 8 Read *Colossians 4*

Write a note or letter to someone who needs spiritual encouragement.

### Mile 10 Read *1 Timothy 2*

Re-read verses 5 and 6. Offer praise to Jesus for being our mediator and ransom — and for running the race perfectly for us.

### Mile 12 Read *1 Timothy 4*

As you exercise, ponder verse 8 and brainstorm ways to build your spiritual muscles.

### Mile 14 Read *1 Timothy 6*

Review verses 11 and 12. In what ways might faith be viewed as a fight? To whom have you made bold profession of your faith?

### Mile 16 Read *2 Timothy 2*

Re-read verse 5. The next time you participate in or watch a sporting event, compare the value of God's "victor's crown" to earthly achievements.

### Mile 18 Read *2 Timothy 4*

Memorize verse 7. Think about people you know who have already "finished the race." How can their example strengthen you?

### Mile 20 Read *James 2*

Put your faith into action today by meeting someone's needs.

### Mile 22 Read *James 4*

Review verse 8. Confess your sins to God and ask him to come near you.

### Mile 24 Read *Luke 15:11-32*

When have you run away from God? What brought you back? When have you seen proof of God running toward you (see verse 20, as well as James 4:8)?

### ➔ Mile 26 Read *1 John 1*

Re-read verse 7. Write "Walk in the Light" on a sticky note, and place it by a lamp or light switch.

**Mile 26.2 Read *Revelation 2:10*** Praise God aloud: "Come, Lord Jesus!"