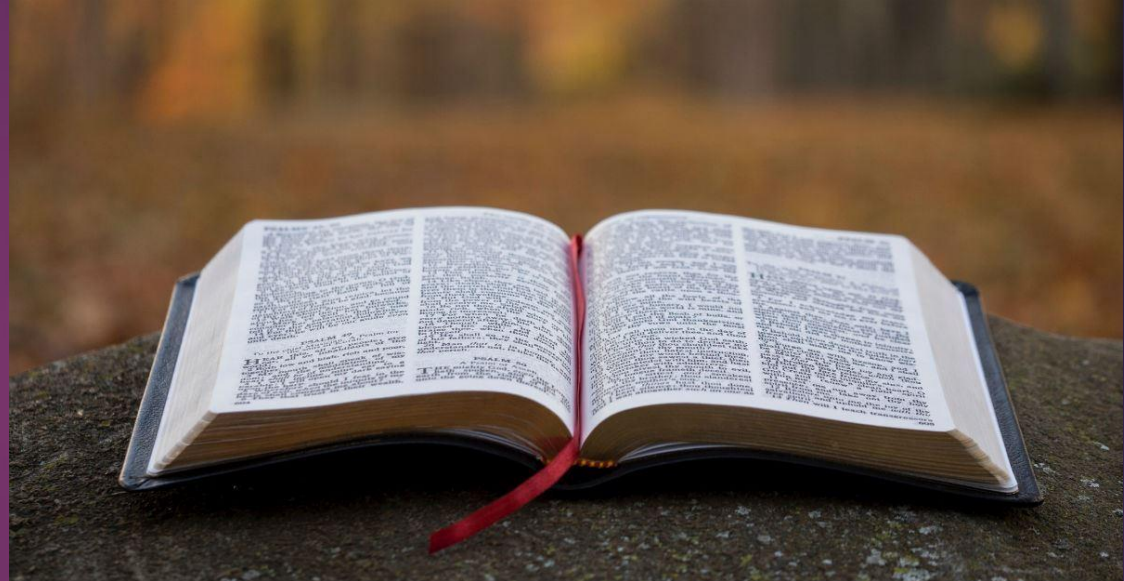


*Welcome to Women's
Bible Study!*

MAY 25, 2021

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Theme: *The
Gospel of Luke*

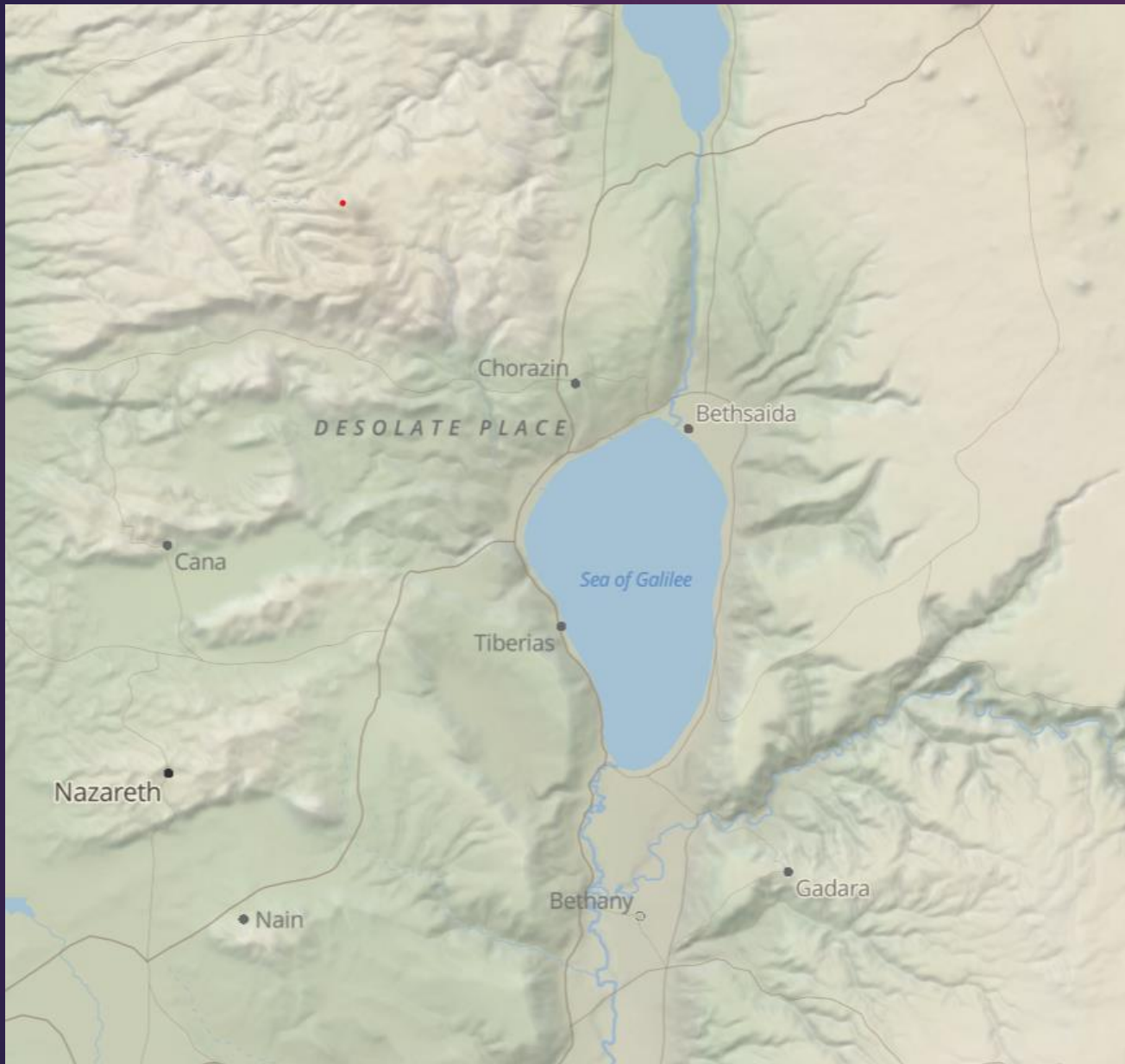


Goal: To grow in the knowledge of the Lord in order to treasure Him more fully and to reflect Him more accurately as we are conformed to His image.



Review

Capernaum





Centurion's Servant

*“I am not
worthy”*





Jesus looks on the poor widow with compassion, another “outsider” and helps her in her time of need demonstrating His power and who He is as “prophet” and “Lord.”



Elisha and
Naaman-2
Kings 5



*Elijah and
the Widow-*
1 Kings 17



Are you the One?



*Forgiven Much,
Loves Much*



Those who are considered “outsiders” are actually those who are part of the kingdom of God. What is the mark of those who are part of the community? Those who know they are not worthy (centurion), in need (widow), have a debt they cannot pay (woman).



The response of those who are forgiven is faith and extravagant love.





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Luke 8

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Isaiah 6:9

“Go, and say to this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’



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Luke 8:11-15 Authentic Hearing

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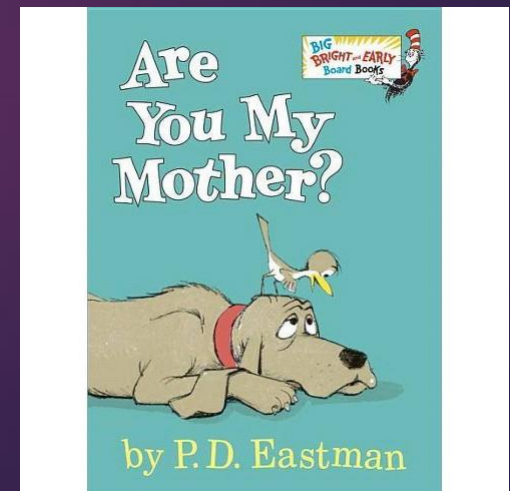
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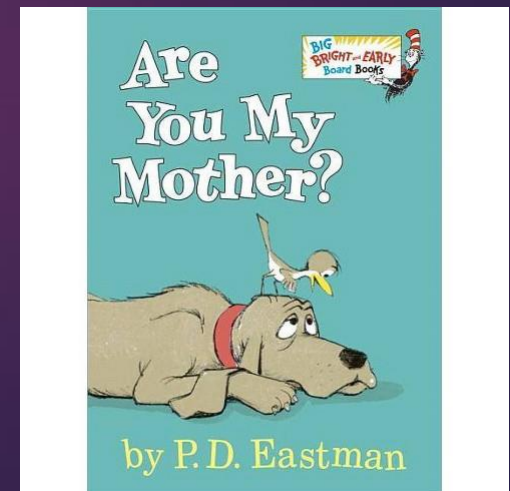
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Psalm 89:9

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And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

2 Peter 2:4:

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

Jude 6:

And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day

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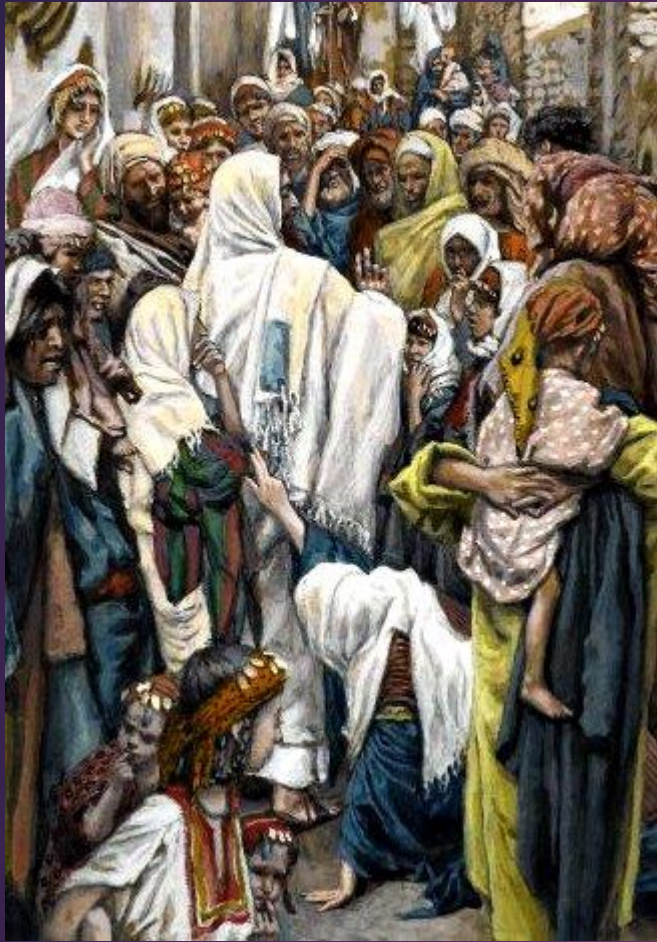
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- *Jesus is proclaiming the good news of the kingdom but in doing so, He addresses why some hear and respond and some don't.*
- *He gives the parable of the sower to point out that all hear but it's "how they hear" that matters.*
- *True hearing is accompanied with fruit: faith and obedience. So Jesus warns them to take care how they hear. Those who are part of the kingdom community are those who hear and do the word of God.*

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- *Luke tells 3 narrative stories to “flesh out” the various responses of those who encounter Jesus. First, Jesus rebukes the wind and the waves, but the disciples show little growth from earlier encounters with Jesus—they are still afraid and Jesus questions where their faith is.*
- *Second, Jesus heals the demon possessed man who then wants to immediately follow Jesus. The townspeople, however, wants Jesus to leave.*

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- *Lastly, Luke tells the intertwined story of the woman with a hemorrhage and Jarius' daughter. The woman believes Jesus can heal her but when called out, she must choose to acknowledge her faith in Jesus before the crowd. Jarius, though a prominent ruler, humbly comes to Jesus and begs Him to save his daughter. He too is directed not to fear but have faith in his time of testing.*
- *All of this is preparing Jesus' disciples to recognize who He is (the Messiah) and stand firm when their faith is tested on the road to Jerusalem to come.*

Discussion Questions



1. *How can remembering the parable of the sower help us when we are sharing the word with others? What is our responsibility?*
2. *Have you ever wanted a “different mission” than the one God gives to you? How does Jesus’ response to the demon possessed man remind us that God has a different plan for all of us?*
3. *How can we “take care” in how we hear? Are we those who hear and respond in fear or in faith and fruitful obedience?*

Year in Review: Kingdom of God in Luke









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The Victory of the King






The Mission of the King:

“but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ~Luke 4:43



The Kingdom Community



*And Jesus answering
said unto them,
They that are whole
need not a physician;
but they that are sick.*

*I came not to call
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but sinners to repentance.*

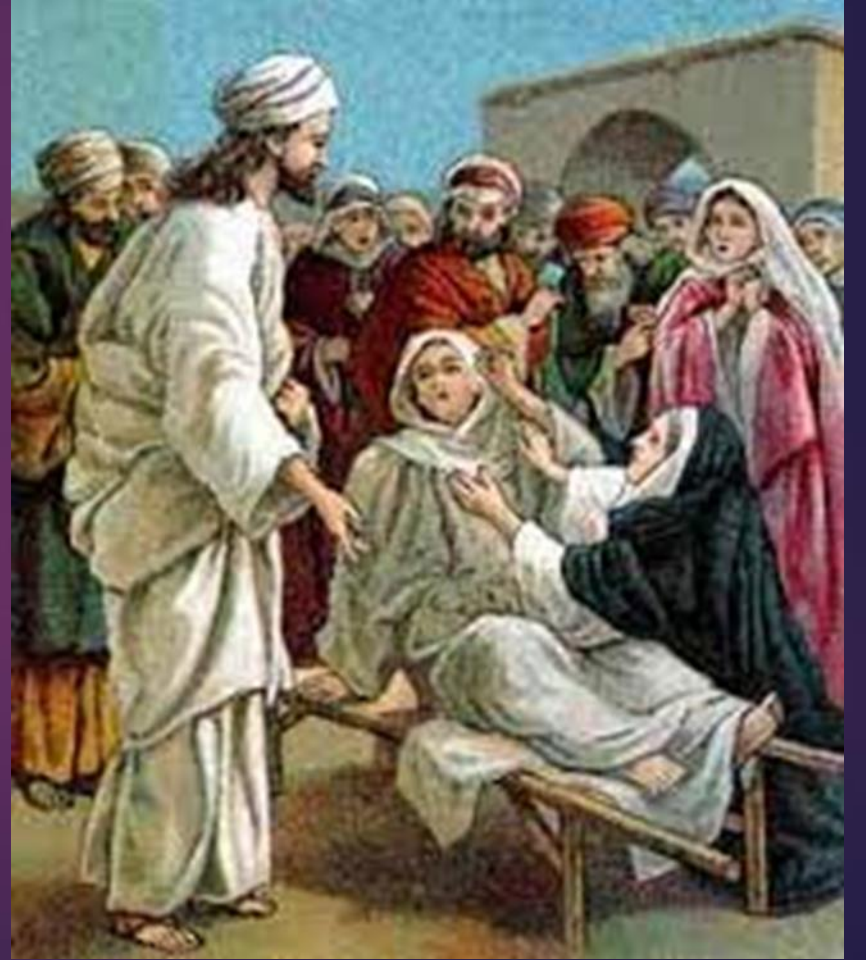
(Luke 5: 31-32 kfv)

Lord of the Sabbath











Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.

23 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”







“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



Theme of the kingdom-Restoration through the King (Luke 4:18-19)

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the
captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
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19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”*

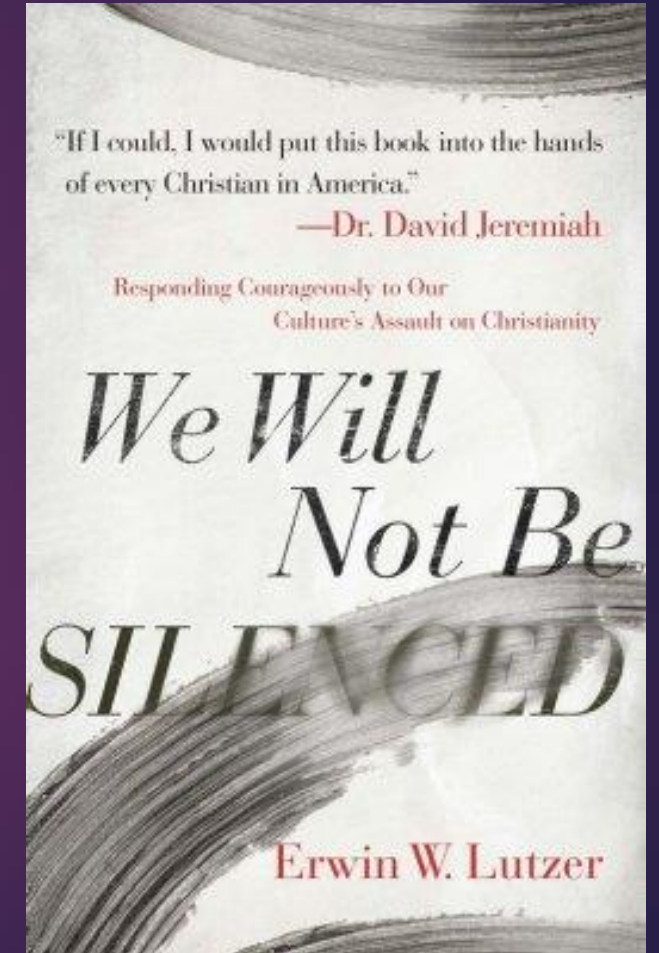
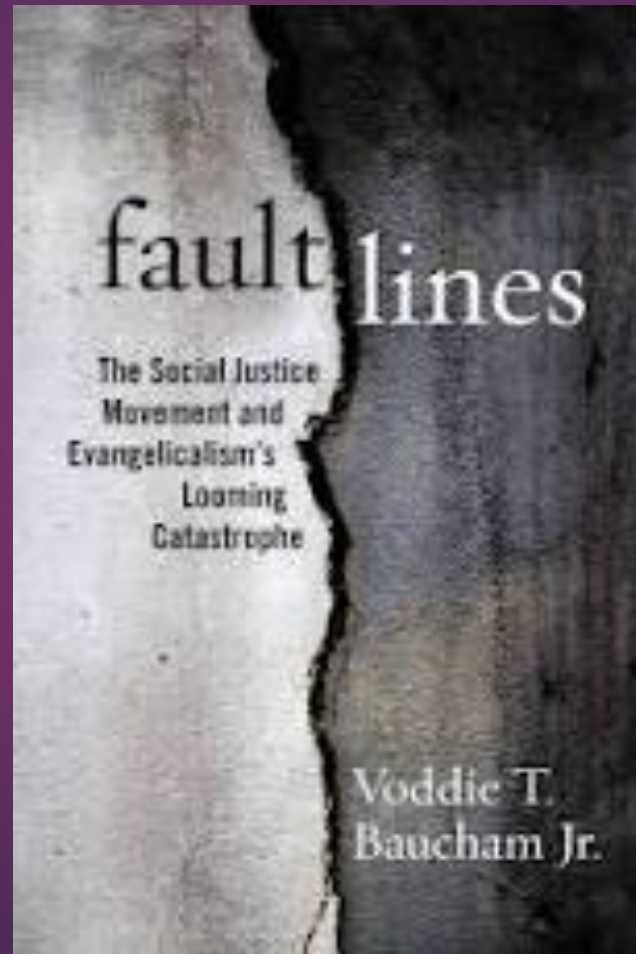
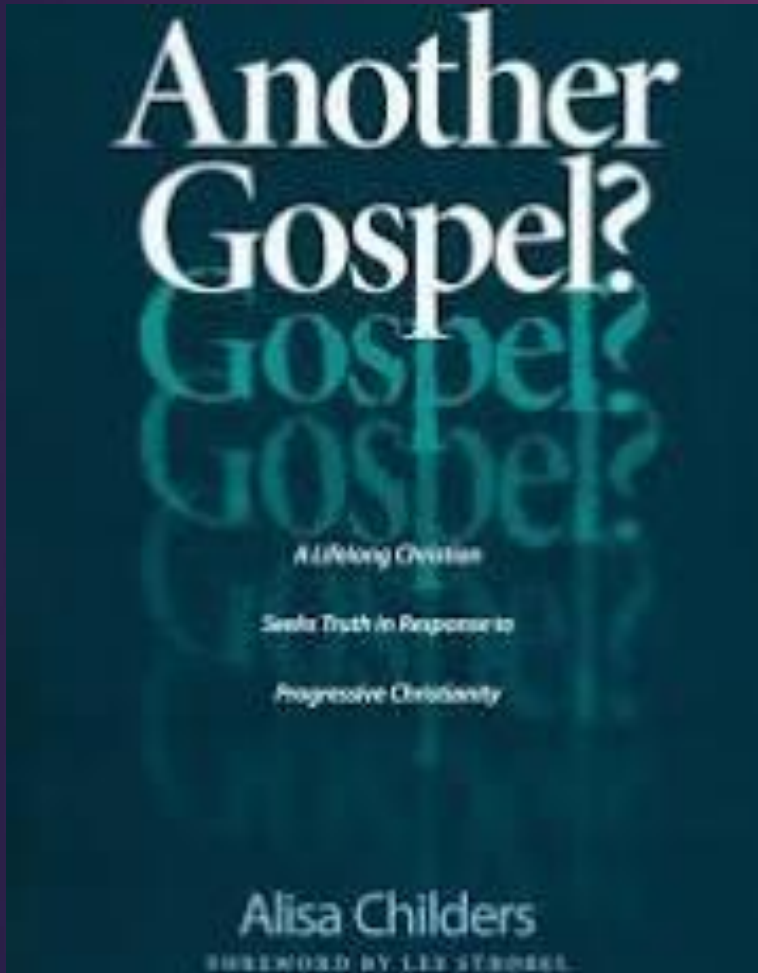


Summer Consideration:



- *Take time this summer to reflect on King and His Kingdom*
- *Read Luke 9-24 in preparation for next year.*
- *Consider getting additional resources to help in your study time. (Reading suggestions)*

Reading Suggestions:



Scripture Memory: Luke 8:15

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As for that in the **good soil**, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an **honest** and **good heart**, and **bear fruit** with patience....



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Wrap Up