



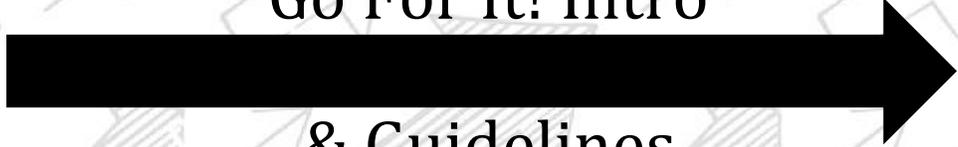
# **Go For It!**

## **2017-18**

Month 4

Luke 4 & 5

# Go For It! Intro



## & Guidelines

Hello! Welcome to “Go For It”!

We are excited you have chosen to join us on this journey. Every quizzing season is an adventure and we are excited to provide this curriculum for Ruth & Luke (Part I). The purpose of the program is to encourage all quizzers to put their faith into action and to provide coaches with an accessible way to facilitate that progress.

Our prayer is that through these weekly “Go For It” devotionals, quizzers will be given the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Scripture, learn to pray for others, and discover simple, but meaningful ways to put their faith into action. We want to be able to share how encouraging God’s words can be for them in their lives right now. Quizzers can make a difference in their communities, in their schools, and around the Globe today!

Each month the “Go For It” devotionals will be available through the Free Methodist Bible Quizzing Newsletter and through [fmquizzing.net](http://fmquizzing.net). The devotionals can be re-printed and distributed in whatever way is easiest for your Bible Quiz Ministry (electronic or paper). We only ask that you do not charge for the use of the curriculum. It is a free service that we are happy to provide. Each devotional has a theme verse, a lesson, a challenge, additional readings, a prayer focus, and a reflection piece. It is best if you can follow up with your quizzers each week to discuss and pray over the challenge or other aspects of the devotional. Finally, we ask that you join us in prayer for all who are going to Go For It!

God Bless,

Adam Schell & Lindsay Canon

## Week One –What should I do if I am tempted?



*Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ~Luke 4:12*

Everyone faces challenges and everyone faces temptation, and if anyone tells you otherwise, they are lying. Going into the hectic Christmas season, it is easy to allow the busyness of life to tempt us away from God. Whether that means not making time for God or purposely ignoring the Spirit's guidance in our daily lives, the devil is constantly looking for ways to tempt you and I away from God's plan.

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, we see that the Devil is allowed to tempt him in various ways, but Jesus does not give into temptation. Jesus even leaves the Devil with a warning, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When we encounter temptation, it is important to stop and reflect on how Jesus responded to temptation. He did not crumble, but rather he relied upon his relationship with the Father to overcome the temptation. We can do the same. We can use our relationship with the Son, to help us overcome any temptation we may face, whether big or small!

**Challenge:** Deeply reflect on what temptations are holding you back from God, write it out if that helps you or just reflect on them and how you can overcome them

**Weekly Prayer Focus:** Overcoming temptations

**(Day one)** This week, I am going to

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**(Day seven)** Reflections on the week:

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**Additional Reading:** James 1: 13-18

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## Week Two –Why should I proclaim?



*But he said “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other down also, because that is why I was sent ~Luke 4:*

With Christmas around the corner we find ourselves proclaiming the birth of the Jesus and re-telling the Christmas story over and over again, and blasting Christmas songs whenever possible. But why should we proclaim his birth? Why do we make such a big deal out of it? And the answer is because of who Jesus was, is, and will be! As quizzers, we are discovering together the amazing life that Jesus led during his time of ministry on Earth. His father sent him to proclaim the good news and we are sent to do the same.

This month in Luke, we see Jesus starting his full-time ministry. After his rejection in his hometown he begins to perform miracles: driving out evil spirits, healing Simon’s mother-in-law, and curing the sick. Can you imagine being one of those first people to see Jesus’ miracles? They wanted him to stay and continue to perform miracles, but he had bigger work to do: proclaiming the gospel. So, remember when we proclaim Jesus’ birth, we are not just celebrating his birth, but who is to us and our faith today!

**Challenge:** Talk to a teammate or a coach about what Jesus means in your life today

**Weekly Prayer Focus:** Quizzing in Taiwan

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**(Day seven)** Reflections on the week:

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**Additional Reading:** 1<sup>st</sup> John 1: 1-3

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## Week Three –How do I fish for people?

*Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people~ Luke 5:10b*

Fishing for people always sounded strange to me whenever I would read this passage, but I finally understood why Jesus used those odd words. For Simon Peter and the others, fishing was their entire life. They would have grown up learning how to fish and they would have spent their young adult lives perfecting their craft in order to sustain a livelihood. Jesus would have known that about them and he immediately knew how to connect with them, by talking about fish! Once Simon peter realizes the magnitude of his company, he joins Jesus' mission and Jesus again describes the task in way Simon can best understand his new role. He is still a fisherman, but now he will just have to use different bait.

One of the best ways to share your faith, that I have discovered, is finding where your story intersects with someone else's. Connect with people where they are at and through what they like. Once you have a place to start, God can open up doors.

**Challenge:** Talk to someone outside of church about what your family/church does for Christmas

**Weekly Prayer Focus:** Opportunities to proclaim the good news

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**(Day seven)** Reflections on the week:

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**Additional Reading:** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15-16

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## Week Four –How can I start anew?



*Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Get up and walk'? ~Luke 5:23*

Every new year is a time to start anew. It is a built-in time at the beginning of each calendar year when people tend to make resolutions or plans to better themselves or the world around them. As you begin this new year, let's ask how we can start anew.

In the account of the paralyzed man, Jesus gave the man a new lease on life in two different ways. First, by physically restoring his body and allowing him to walk again. And secondly, but more importantly, Jesus forgave the man of his sins. The man walked away praising God! He had a chance to start anew. Now, I doubt the man went off and lived a sinless life, but he walked away knowing that Jesus had the power to forgive sins. That knowledge in and of itself is powerful. Going into this new year, we take this knowledge with us as we venture into whatever God may have planned for as individuals and as a quizzing ministry.

**Challenge:** Write a list of your New Year's Resolutions

**Weekly Prayer Focus:** Regional Leaders for Quizzing

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**(Day seven)** Reflections on the week:

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**Additional Reading:** 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:7-10

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