



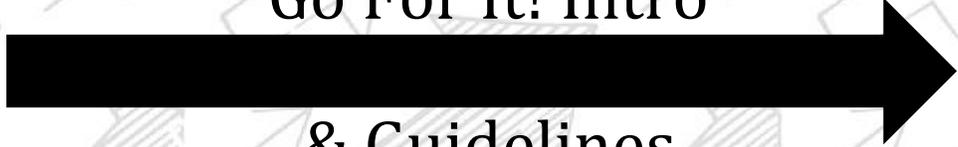
Go For It!

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Month 6

Luke 8 & 9

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. 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 –Why should you keep spreading “seeds”?



But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. ~Luke 8:15

As you have been considering the power of the good news, it is always good to be reminded of persistence. Sometimes it can be hard trying to share the good news with others, especially with those who are not ready to hear it. Despite this the parable of the sower teaches an important principal: keep sowing! The seeds we spread will not always land on soil that is ready to produce a crop, but the farmer continued to sow his seed. He trusted that God would produce a harvest with those who are ready.

As those who presumably represent those striving to be the “good soil”, we have been taught and are trained to retain the word of God, but don’t miss out on the very next phrase. We must also be those who persevere. In order for others to learn about the good news we have to continue to persevere and persist in spreading his word. God can take care of preparing the soil, we just have to be faithful to spreading the seed.

Challenge: This week continue to look for small ways to spread seeds of the good news among your friends and circles of influence. Remember you may be the only Jesus some people see, so continue to be persistent and shine bright for Jesus. You never know when their hearts will be ready to accept the gospel.

Weekly Prayer Focus: Conference Quiz Community

(Day one) This week, I am going to

(Day seven) Reflections on the week:

Additional Reading: 2 Timothy 1:7-8

I read the additional reading

Week Two –How can I trust God in the storm?

He [Jesus] got up and rebuked the wind and the raging water; the storm subsided, and all was calm ~Luke 8:24b

Let's face it. Life is not always the easiest. We can get stressed because of school, crazy filled up schedules, annoying siblings, or feuding friends. Sometimes all of these distractions can pull us away from connecting with God. Sometimes in life we go through storms when we cannot even feel God's presence in our life. During those times it is very difficult to believe that God is there for you or that God is in control.

Years ago, my [Lindsay] brother was in a major accident and he almost died. During that time, my life felt like a storm. I could not see God's presence in that situation. But eventually, God was able to clear the storm. He helped me feel peace. Now everyone's storms may be different, but we can all know that God never leaves us during a storm. Even when we doubt Him, He is still there to protect us and see us through.

Challenge: This week, let's try to reflect on the storms we have faced or are going through. I know this may be hard it, but it is important to live in community as Christians through rejoicing and through mourning. Although, God is always with us, it is hard to go through a storm alone, meaning no one else on earth knows what you are going through. Sharing with someone you trust about how God has brought you though a storm or how you are praying for God to help you in this storm is essential to living as the body of Christ.

Weekly Prayer Focus: People in your life who are going through a storm

(Day one) This week, I am going to

(Day seven) Reflections on the week:

Additional Reading: Psalm 9:10

I read the additional reading

Week Three –What does it mean to carry my cross?

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me~ Luke 9:23

As Jesus begins to prepare His disciples for His impending death and resurrection, He gives them instructions about what it takes to be a disciple. Based on Jesus’ description, it does not seem like the world’s easiest job. Yet it does seem like the most important job. He says that in order to be a disciple everyone must pick up their cross and follow Him. What we have to figure out is, what does it mean for us to carry our cross today?

When Jesus spoke of this, He was reminding His disciples that the reality of following Him would most likely cost them their lives. Thankfully, we live in a country where we are free to practice Christianity, but we must still carry our crosses today. We must not be ashamed of our relationship with Christ and we should find ways to bring Christ into our daily lives and interactions. In doing so we continue to share with others our belief that it is the cross of Christ, and Christ alone, that saves us.

Challenge: This week, let’s encourage one another. Either aloud or in writing share with your teammates or friends ways in which they have helped your faith or relationship with God grow.

Weekly Prayer Focus: Kenya Trip Preparations

(Day one) This week, I am going to

(Day seven) Reflections on the week:

Additional Reading: Hebrews 10: 24-25

I read the additional reading

Week Four –How can I be present for God?

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud ~Luke 9:34

The story of the transfiguration has always been a fascinating story to me. It is yet another example of God confirming that Jesus is His son in a very powerful way. Yet one of the disciples seems concerned with matters other than the transfiguration. Peter is focused on providing the correct facilities for Moses and Elijah, he knows how important they are, and he wants to everything to be perfect. But God does not require perfect. Jesus brought Peter, John, and James with Him to experience the presence of God, not to set up shelters!

Sometimes we get caught up in obsessing over the “correct” ways to approach God. Yet sometimes God just wants us to be in his presence. He wants us to listen and to be ready to hear what He has to say.

Challenge: This week when we pray, let’s try to build in time to listen to God. It may sound strange, but God wants us to be in his presence. In real relationships, you don’t just talk to your friends and then not listen to them when they talk. We need to build in times in our life to just be in the presence of God and listen to his voice.

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pray that God will speak into your life and encourage you to find new ways to Go For It!

(Day one) This week, I am going to

(Day seven) Reflections on the week:

Additional Reading: John 10: 27

I read the additional reading