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## THE GOD I WANT TO KNOW

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### INTRODUCTION

This week, Pastor Chip continues our seven-week series, *Luke: The Gospel for the Rest of Us*. In chapters four-six of his comprehensive Gospel, Luke shares about the goodness of Jesus. We explore why Jesus came, what He accomplished and His heart behind those accomplishments. We get a picture of God's heart. Jesus Christ is a God you want to know. He brings Good News to the poor, heals the broken and redeems the lost.

### DISCUSSION

1. **Read Luke 4:14-21.** For you, what is God really like? Has there ever been a time in your life where you have seen Him as one of the following: Cosmic Santa, Angry Father, Aloof Parent, Eternal Therapist or Temperamental? Discuss with your group. What changed your picture of Him?
2. **Read Luke 6:20-23.** In this passage, we see Jesus is a God who brings the Good News to the poor. Describe what you think it looks like to be "poor in spirit." Share a story about yourself or someone else who received the Good News of the Gospel when they were "poor" and the effect it had on their faith.
3. **Read Luke 5:17-26.** In this passage, we see Jesus heals the broken. God's heart is to heal and help all. We know healing happens in this life and the life to come. Share a time when you saw God's mighty healing power change the life of someone.
4. **Read Luke 5:27-32.** In this passage, we see Jesus redeems the lost. As Pastor Chip shared, God's heart is a "no matter" heart. He comes for all. PLC is a "no matter" church. It's a place we can experience the God we want to know. How have you seen this type of heart attitude played out in your life? Share a "no matter" story/moment and how it impacted you.

### DO SOMETHING

1. Continue reading Luke and practicing the COMA Bible study method as explained in the Luke booklets. Capture or recapture the vision for how good God is and how incredible His love is for you. Share that vision with someone close to you.
2. If you haven't stepped across the Faith Line, respond to Jesus' call to follow Him. If you do, share the wonderful news with your campus pastor or a trusted friend.
3. Prayerfully consider bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the poor in spirit in your circle. Share ideas with your group, and come up with a plan to pursue this spring!

### RESOURCES

1. In his book *Redemption*, Mike Wilkerson unpacks the back-story of redemption in Exodus to help Christians better understand how Christ redeems us from the slavery of abuse, addiction and assorted trouble and restores us to our created purpose, the worship of God.
2. Watch the Luke 1-9 video on The Bible Project to capture an overall view of these chapters in a creative, fun way!
3. RightNow Media has a resource called "How to Read Luke" that follows the COMA model in our Luke booklets.