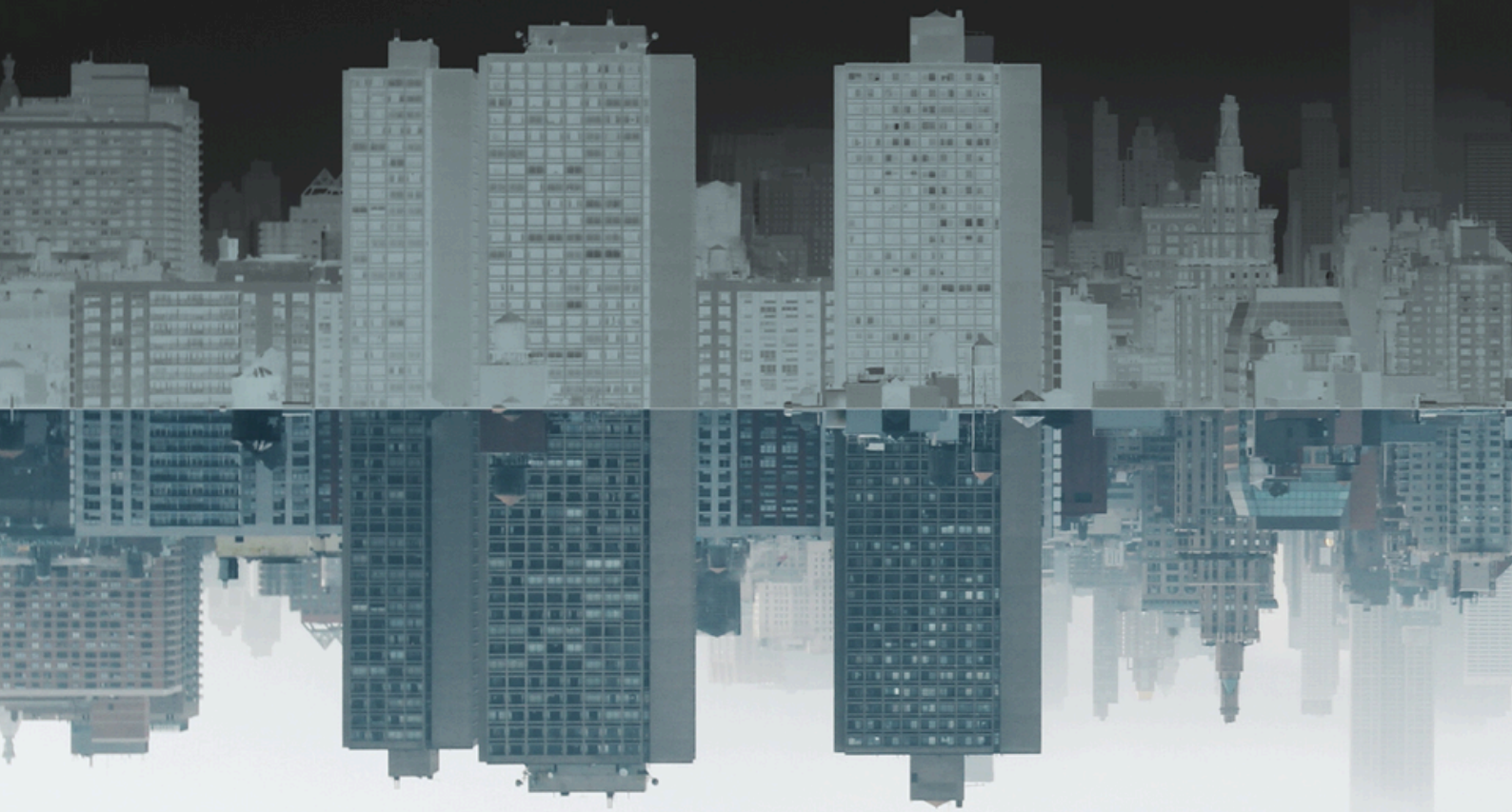


# disruptive grace



## GIVING AS GOD GIVES

A SIX WEEK SERIES IN LUKE



“The Spirit of the Lord is  
on me,  
because he has  
anoointed me  
to proclaim good news  
to the poor.

He has sent me to  
proclaim freedom for the  
prisoners  
and recovery of sight  
for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of  
the Lord’s favour.”

- Luke 4:18-19 -



# DISRUPTIVE GRACE: GIVING AS GOD GIVES

In this six week study 'Disruptive Grace: Giving as God Gives', we'll explore the revolutionary nature of Jesus' teachings on grace and generosity. We will be challenged to reconsider how we understand giving — not as a mere act of kindness, but as a transformative, often unsettling force that reflects the heart of God. Through the Gospel of Luke, we'll see how Jesus embodies a grace that turns conventional values upside down and invites us to live with bold compassion and selflessness.

In Week 1, we look at Luke 4:14-21 where we see Jesus announcing his mission to bring freedom, healing, and hope, challenging us to align our actions with His mission. Then in Week 2, Luke 4:21-30 dives into how grace can provoke discomfort and resistance, especially when it confronts deep-seated assumptions. We'll reflect on how living out grace may cost us acceptance but leads us toward deeper truth.

Week 3 examines Luke 5:1-11, and shows grace as a call to trust and leave behind what's familiar for a greater purpose. This week emphasizes how grace compels us to take steps of faith and generosity beyond our comfort zones. Then to finish, Weeks 4-6 looks at the sermon on the plain in Luke 6:17-49. Here we hear of Jesus' radical teachings on blessings, loving enemies, and living with unwavering integrity. These passages invite us to embody a grace that is lavish, countercultural, and reflects God's unyielding love.

I look forward to journeying with you as we dive deep into these passages to see how 'Disruptive Grace' transforms not just our giving but our entire way of being, calling us to give as God gives.

In Christ,

*Rev'd Christopher Bate*  
*Holy Spirit Algester*



### **Warming up:**

Consider everything going on in the world at the moment. What is your greatest hope for the world? Why?

### **Read: Luke 4:14-21**

1. In v.14, it says that Jesus returned to Galilee. Where had he been, and what had he been doing? Who is the agent that connects this passage with the previous one (other than Jesus)?
2. What does it mean that he 'returned in the power of the Spirit'? What is he empowered to do?
3. Why does Luke draw attention to the fact that Jesus was in Nazareth?

### **Read: Isaiah 58:5-9, 61:1-3**

1. What is the significance of these passages? Why does Jesus read from them?
2. What is the year of the Lord's favour all about? (hint: Leviticus 25)
3. What does Jesus mean when he says 'this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing'?
4. Who is Jesus setting free? From what are they being set free?
5. What does this say about the kind of ministry that Jesus is doing?
6. What hope does this give us for the whole world?

### **Rubber hits the road:**

If Jesus is the hope for the whole world, how should we respond? How does putting our hope in him change our lives? And consider, if we've been set free from slavery to sin and death, should we continue in sin?

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Almighty God, we thank and praise you that through your Son Jesus you have set us free from the powers of sin and death. Fill us with hope for the future. Give us grace that we might continue your work that would see your world set free from all that holds them back from your eternal life. **Amen.**





### **Warming up:**

If you were to think of the people least likely to receive God's grace, who would that be?

### **Read: Luke 4:21-30**

1. In v.21, Jesus says that 'this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing', which Scripture is he talking about?
2. What does it mean that the scripture in question is fulfilled?
3. How do they respond? Are they positive or negative?
4. In v.23, Jesus begins to challenge their expectations - why does he do this? What had Jesus previously done in Capernaum? (Hint: Check Matthew and Mark).
5. Why does Jesus point out that 'no prophet is accepted in his hometown'?
6. What stories from Scripture does Jesus use as proof? Why?
7. What is distinct about the widow and Naaman?
8. What does this say about Israel's typical response to the prophets of God? Why is this important?
9. Why do the people respond with fury? Why would they reject Jesus?
10. What does it mean for us that the Gentiles were included in God's plan for salvation?
11. Can we reject Jesus for similar reasons?

### **Rubber hits the road:**

Consider how you are included as one of God's children by grace alone, and not by your identity or actions. Then consider how God will have mercy upon all who call on his name. Ask the Holy Spirit that you would not reject Jesus on account of anyone else upon whom He has mercy.



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Merciful God, I give you thanks that you have invited all people from all nations and walks of life to be a part of your kingdom. Help me to submit to you, and not reject you on account of the way you exercise grace in the world. For that same grace is the reason that I am saved.

**Amen.**



# Jesus calls his first disciples

## WEEK 3

### Warming up:

Have you ever taken a step of faith that felt risky or uncertain? What motivated you to take that step?

### Read: Luke 5:1-11

1. In v.4, Jesus asks Peter to go out to deep water and let down his nets for a catch. What do you think Peter might have felt when he heard Jesus' command?
2. In v.5, Peter agrees to let down the nets 'because you say so'. How does Peter's response show both faith and doubt? Have you ever obeyed God in a situation where you didn't fully understand?
3. In vv.6-7, the nets are filled to breaking. How does this miracle reveal something about Jesus' power and provision? And about God?
4. In v.8, Peter falls at Jesus' feet, saying, 'go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!'. Why do you think Peter responds this way?
5. How does Jesus' invitation to Peter in v.10 shift Peter's perspective on his life's purpose?
6. What significance is there in the disciples 'leaving everything' to follow Jesus in v.11?
7. What fears or hesitations might have been present for Peter and the disciples when deciding to follow Jesus? Can you relate?
8. How does this story illustrate the theme of 'Disruptive Grace'? How does God's grace both comfort and challenge Peter?
9. How does this passage challenge the way you view your own vocation, relationships, or priorities in relation to following Jesus' call?

### Rubber hits the road:

What is one specific area in your life where you sense Jesus calling you to step out in faith? How might you 'leave everything' in that area and trust Him more fully?

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Lord Jesus, thank you for your calling that meets us where we are, but doesn't leave us there. Just as you called Peter and the other disciples into a life of purpose and deeper trust, call us out of our comfort zones to follow you wholeheartedly. Help us to surrender our fears and trust in your provision. Guide us to live with boldness, sharing your love and grace with those around us. In your name we pray. **Amen.**



### **Warming up:**

What is the best advice you have ever been given? Why?

### **Read: Luke 6:17-26**

1. Where is Jesus teaching and who is in attendance? Why is this significant?
2. Why had the people come to meet with Jesus? Beside teaching the people, what else was Jesus doing?
3. Who does Jesus directly speak to from v.20 onwards?
4. List all the groups of people who are 'blessed' now, and note what promise is being made to them (vv.20-22)
5. What reason does Jesus give for rejoicing in v.23? How is this contrasted in v.26?
6. Who does Jesus warn in vv.24-26? Why does Jesus warn them?
7. How is this list different to what people might expect a 'blessed life' to be like?
8. In what ways is this passage similar to Matthew 5:1-12?
9. In what ways is this passage different to Matthew 5:1-12?
10. What else stands out to you in this passage?

### **Rubber hits the road:**

How does this challenge the way you see God working in the hard and difficult times of your life? In what ways does suffering and hardship bind us to the prophets and to Jesus?

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Loving God, we acknowledge that to be truly blessed is to know you and walk in your ways. By your grace and love, please keep us faithful and grant us courage as we pilgrimage through this life as your children.

Amen.



### **Warming up:**

Think of the people who have hurt you the most in your life. Can you see yourself forgiving, loving and blessing them?

### **Read: Luke 6:27-31**

1. What is the very first thing Jesus says here? What should we do? (See also: Luke 6:46-49)
2. What are the things that Jesus calls us to do? Can they be done? How?
3. Consider v.30. How do we usually respond if someone steals from us? What should we do?
4. How does v.31 sum this all up? How is this different from the 'Golden Rule' of other faiths?
5. Consider how Jesus embodied all of these things in his trial and death. How did he fulfill each one?

### **Read: Luke 6:32-38**

1. Jesus repeats himself in v.35. What does he say in 32-34 to emphasise this point?
2. How has God been merciful to you? How then should we be merciful to everyone else?
3. Why is it important that we do not judge or condemn others?
4. How would you sum up this whole passage in one sentence?

### **Rubber hits the road:**

Consider the love and mercy that God demonstrates to us by going to the cross on our behalf. How does this change us? How does this change the way we relate to one another?

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Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for the mercy you show to us, that while we were your enemies Christ died for our sins. Help us to live like Jesus. Help us to love, forgive, be merciful and generous. Holy Spirit, make us vessels of your abundant blessing and love in this world.

Amen.





### **Warming up:**

Have you ever fumbled around in the dark to try and find something? Maybe you've even stubbed your toe while trying! Can you imagine trying to lead someone else when you yourself cannot see?

### **Read: Luke 6:39-42**

1. What's the answer to Jesus' question? Can the blind lead the blind?
2. So what is the answer that Jesus wants us to actually grasp? (Hint: Luke 24:31, 45)
3. So if we are to petition God to open our eyes to understand, how does v.40 reinforce this?
4. Luke continues with the theme of sight. What does he want us to grasp now?
5. Does this mean that we should never challenge sin in our Christian neighbours? What should happen?

### **Read: Luke 6:43-49**

1. Think back to other references to fruitfulness (i.e. Luke 3:1-22). What kind of trees are we encouraged to be?
2. Look at v.45. If a good person brings good things out of the good stored in their heart, how do we continually store good things in our heart?
3. Do you want to be wise or foolish? (I hope you said wise!). The wise person builds their house upon the rock. What does it mean to do this?

### **Rubber hits the road:**

Jesus' constant encouragement in this passage is to see/hear his words and put them into action. What are ways that we can do this?

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Loving God, thank you that you have given us your Word. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see Jesus. Soften our hearts that we might live lives of repentance and fruitfulness. Help us always, by your Holy Spirit, to understand your words and obey your instructions. **Amen.**



“Do to others as you  
would have them do to  
you.”

- Luke 6:31 -



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