

UNEXPECTED

DISCUSSION GUIDE

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are a NHSY, NYA, Bible Study or Downes Rd Community Group Leader, join us on Friday, October 30th at 7pm for our first of many Discipleship Workshops. Email Amanda at communitygroups@northview.org to register.
- Northview Downes Road Campus is having a Child Dedication Family Service this November. If you want to learn more or register for the Child dedication service, head over to www.northview.org/child-dedications, or email Madi at mharris@northview.org.
- Northview will be hosting a Harvest Party Drive-thru event at the Downes Road Campus on October 31 from 2-4pm! This will be a combined event with Northview Kids, Middle School, and High School Youth. Visit northview.org for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

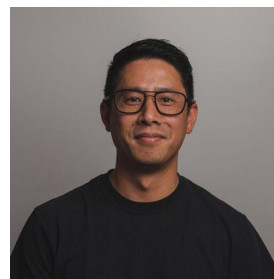
MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Sean and Lezlie Allison serving with *Wycliffe Bible Translators in Cameroon, West Africa*

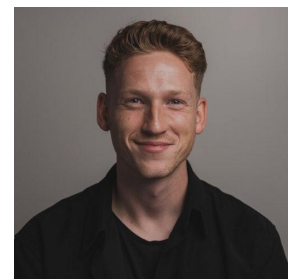
MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

Northview Young Adults (NYA)

They have a brand new team this year! Both new to Northview and new to Abbotsford.



Vinh Doan
Young Adults
Pastor



Adam Van Rees
Young Adults
Pastoral Intern

Pray for them, for their leaders as they start up their Community Groups, and that young adults across our city would grow deeper in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Luke 1:1-4

LOOK

1. Read Luke 1:1-4

- What stands out to you from the passage?
- What seems important to you?
- Find the who, what, where, when, how of the passage.
- What ideas or words are repeated?
 - *Luke's name does not appear in the actual gospel, but references to Luke in Colossians 4:14 and 2 Timothy 4:11, and Church Tradition universally attribute this gospel and the book of Acts to the authorship of Luke.*
 - *Luke is investigating the historical events that have happened among his audience (v.1)*
 - *Luke's primary sources are eyewitness accounts (v.2), and what makes them trustworthy is that their stories are verifiable*
 - *Luke followed the story and the the testimonies from the beginning (v.3), so this was a careful and scholarly endeavor*
 - *Luke is arguing that Jesus is the long-awaited and prophesied Messiah (v.1), and we see examples of fulfilled prophecies in Lk. 1:17 (c.f - Mal. 4:5-6) and 4:21 (c.f - Isa. 61:1-2).*

LEARN

1. Compare Luke's introduction (1:1-4) to the introductions in the other gospels (since "many have undertaken to draw up an account..." (v.1))

2. Read Matthew 1:1-17.

- How does Matthew begin his gospel?
- *Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus tracing it all the way back to Abraham to show Jesus is the long awaited fulfillment of the promise*

3. Read Mark 1:1-4.

- How does Mark begin his gospel?
- *Mark quotes Isaiah the prophet in*

claiming that John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus the Messiah

4. Read John 1:1-5.

- How does John begin his gospel?
- *John gives a different perspective on creation and attributes all of reality to the creating and sustaining work of Jesus Christ*
- How is Luke's introduction different from the other gospel writers?
- *Luke shows his methodology (eyewitness testimonies) and gives his purpose for writing (have certainty regarding the story)*

5. Read the following passages in Acts:

Acts 1:21-23, Acts 4:19-20, Acts 6:3-4, Acts 13:30-31.

- What did the Apostles understand their role to be?
 - *The apostle's main task in the early church was to testify to the message of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.*
- How did Luke understand his project in writing a gospel (telling the story of Jesus)?
 - *Luke relied on the eyewitnesses (the Apostles) to give him the stories and words of Jesus that he formatted into his gospel.*

LIVE

- What are some critiques that you have heard regarding the historicity of the Gospels?
 - What are some common doubts people have?
 - How should we respond to these doubts?
- What are Bible verses or other resources that you have turned to to "give you confidence" (v.4) in the story of Jesus?