

# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

*WORSHIP - DISCOVERING WHAT  
SCRIPTURE SAYS*

SRMBC Family Bible Study  
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Every Wednesday  
8000 Derry Street (Rear)  
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6:30 pm

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## SRMBC JAN - FEB Bible Study Schedule

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Worship the Lamb</b>	Revelation 4 – 5	1/9/2019
<b>For Keeps</b>	Exodus 24:1 – 11	1/16/2019
<b>Mercy, Not Sacrifice</b>	Psalms 50	1/23/2019
<b>Broken for Me</b>	Mark 14:1 – 11	2/6/2019
<b>Plantings Of Praise</b>	Isaiah 61:1 – 11	2/13/2019
<b>All to Jesus</b>	Luke 20:20 – 26; 45 – 47; 21:1 – 4	2/20/2019
<b>Our Longing Fulfilled</b>	Revelation 21:1 – 8	2/27/2019

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### Worship – Discovering What Scripture Says

#### Lesson 6: All to Jesus

Luke 20:20 - 26, 45 - 47; 21:1 - 4

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## The Book of Luke

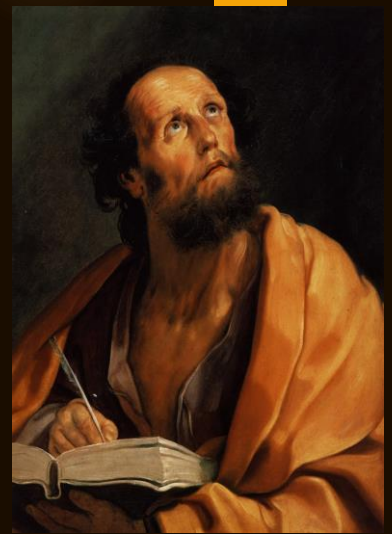
**Author:** The author is not mentioned, but it is clear that Luke, a physician and companion of Paul, wrote Luke and Acts (Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1-3). This would make Luke the only Gentile to pen any books of Scripture.

**Date of Writing:** The Gospel of Luke was likely written between A.D. 58 and 65.

**Purpose of Writing:** As with other gospels, Luke's purpose is to reveal Jesus Christ and all He "began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven"

### The Book Of Luke Tells Us:

- The Gospel of Luke gives us a portrait of our compassionate Savior. The poor and the needy were a primary focus of His ministry.
- About Jesus' parents and His birth; His ministry to—Gentiles, Samaritans, women, children, tax collectors, sinners, and His death on the cross, burial and resurrection.
- How Christians must follow the example of Jesus and bring the good news of salvation to the spiritually poor and needy.



Luke - The Beloved Physician

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**Group Discussion: How easy is it for you to be honest with God? Do you talk to Jesus as often and as openly as you would a good friend?**

### **Reasons Why We Are Dishonest With God:**

- Usually we are dishonest when we believe there's no other way to get what we need or want.
- We don't trust that God will provide for us.
- We may put on appearances because we don't trust that Jesus or others will accept us as we are.

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### **Luke 20:20 – 26 (NKJV)**

**20 So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.**

**21 Then they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth:**

**22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"**

**23 But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me?"**

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## Luke 20:25 – 26 (NKJV)

**24 Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's."**

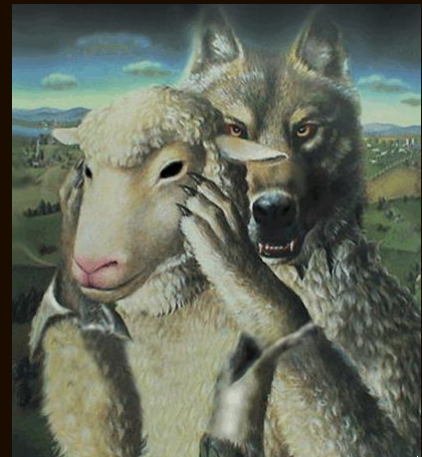
**25 And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."**

**26 But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent.**

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### **1. How are they now trying to trap him? What do you think about their attempts?**

- First, they sent "spies" folks: hired to look pious and religious, but they have an ulterior motive (hidden agenda) - to discredit and destroy, rather than to build up.
- They are attempting use Jesus Words to trap Him and turn the people against Him (Get the Word right).
- By asking the question about paying taxes Caesar – if Jesus says no, they could report to the Romans and have justification for His arrest.
- If He says simply yes – the people would revolt and call Him a false teacher.

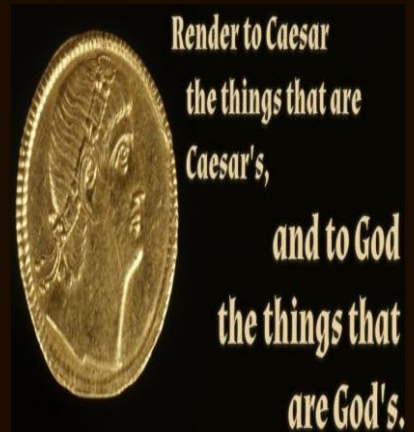


**Beware of Wolves in Sheep's Clothing (Matt 7:15)**

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## 2. What does Jesus immediately know about the spies, and how does he avoid their trap?

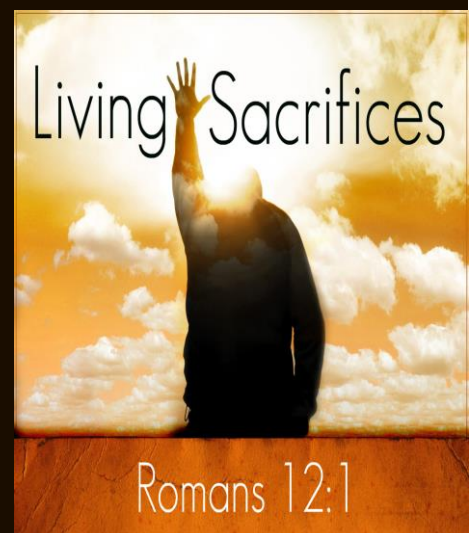
- Jesus knows their hearts, thoughts and their motives – He knows our hearts thoughts and motives too. How foolish it is to try to fool God – who knows everything.
- Jesus instead emphasized that they and all people, being imprinted with God's "image," belong to God and therefore need to give their lives over to him.
- Jesus highlighted Caesar's idolatrous claim, in the coin's inscription: "Tiberius Caesar Augustus, son of the divine Augustus." (Even what is Caesar's is in reality – God's).
- He gave a nod to paying taxes while challenging anything less than full commitment to God, and they had nothing with which to accuse Him.



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## 3. If we are stamped with the likeness of God, what does it mean for us to give to God what is His?

- Every aspect of our beings—body, mind, soul, heart. (relationships, time, money, possessions, education, career, future, food, how you use your body and mind etc.).
- God wants to have input in every area of our lives because he made us and knows what will benefit us most.
- As we take time to listen to the Holy Spirit in worship and prayer we will be able to give our whole selves to God's will, and become more and more like Jesus.



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## Luke 20:45-47 (NKJV)

**45** Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said to His disciples,

**46** “Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,

**47** who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”

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**4.** From Jesus’ description of the teachers of the law, what would you say they value most? How does their attitude manifest itself in worship?

- “The seats in the synagogues” refers to the bench in front of the enclosure that contained the Torah. Those who sat there could be seen by all who worshiped in the synagogue.
- Like the spies earlier, these religious leaders are concerned about sounding good (when they pray), not being genuine.
- They want to be noticed and esteemed – but Jesus deceive and exploit widows, presumably by taking their money when they should be helping to provide for them.



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## Luke 21:1 – 45 (NKJV)

1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,

2 and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.

3 So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;

4 for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”

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### 5. How do you respond to what Jesus says about those giving their offerings?



#### The Rich Men's Offering

- The rich gave of their leftovers – what they could afford to give that was not sacrificial or painful
- They demonstrated that they trusted in themselves and in their money more than they trusted in God.
- They gave great amounts in order to be seen as “super – religious” to others.

#### The Widow's Offering

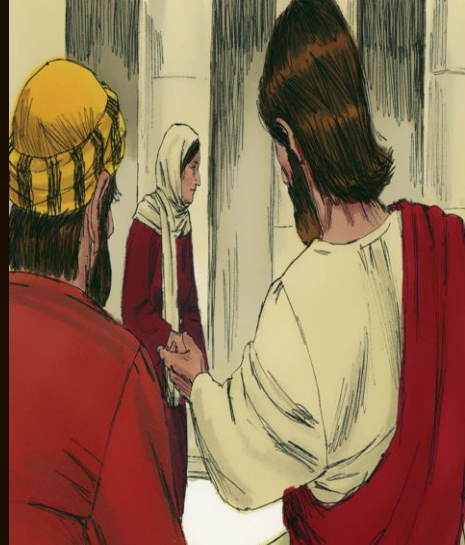
- It's not the amount that matters but the amount of trust in be able to give her all she had to live on
- The widow's humble pennies are worth more than all of the wealthy people's gifts combined because she has given her all to God
- She is in a position of needing to trust God one hundred percent, and she does—and that doesn't escape Jesus' attention and praise.



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## 6. How does Jesus' awareness of the widow and her situation encourage you about a situation you now face (or how might you encourage someone else with Jesus' words)?

- I love how Jesus knows about my need/our need here at SRMBC (The building fund, the needs of our people).
- I can praise Him in advance for the coming answers to prayer – even when I can't see yet. I can praise Him Even Louder!!!
- When I put my whole trust in Him and worship Him from a pure heart it pleases the Lord.
- You can't get god to love you more – but you can always please Him more!



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## 7. What common themes and contrasts run through Jesus' interaction with the spies, his warning about the teachers of the law and his affirmation of the poor widow?

### Themes of the Passages

- Jesus knows our hearts, thoughts and Motives – even we think He doesn't.
- When it comes to worship – honesty is the best policy
- Even the smallest, insignificant offering – when offering in sincerity, pleases the Lord.
- Fake worship and fake worshippers will ultimately be Judged and condemned.

This is my desire  
To honor You  
Lord, with all  
my heart  
I worship You

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8. From this passage, what do you think God wants from his worshipers? What do you think God wants from you?

- He wants the whole deal—every area of our lives and one hundred percent trust
- He doesn't want pretense but genuineness. This means being honest in our prayers, confession, giving—in the whole way we present ourselves to him.
- For many of us, there is a temptation not to be honest with God about our faults and shortcomings or questions and doubts.
- To be honest requires humility, courage and faith and we would receive His grace, which would in turn deepen our worship.

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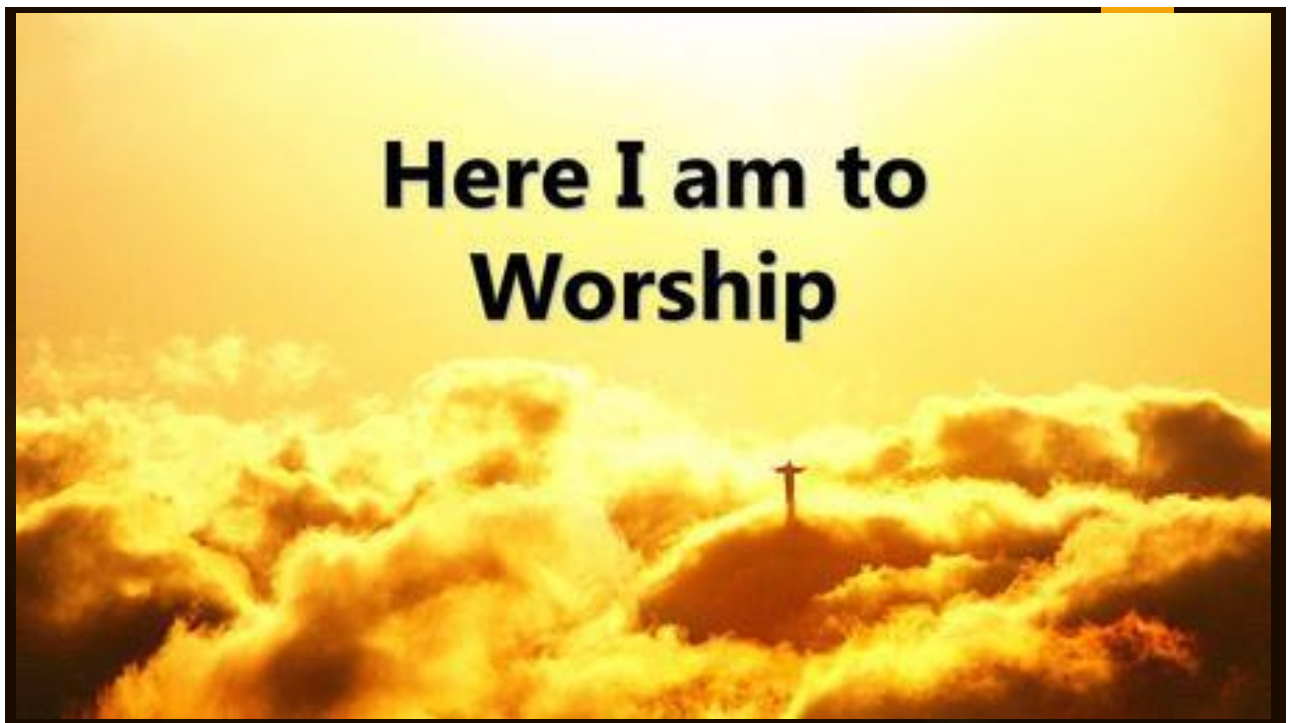
## Keys For Living

- *In order for us to offer the worship that God requires and deserves, we need to come to Him with a pure and honest mind and heart.*
- *We can trust that Jesus knows us – really knows us. Yet, He still loves us and wants each of us bring all of our issues- great and small to the Him in prayer and worship.*
- *When it comes to worship, it is not the amount or the magnificence that counts but the motivation of the heart.*
- *No matter how small our offering is, when we give it sincerely and sacrificially, it pleases the Lord.*

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