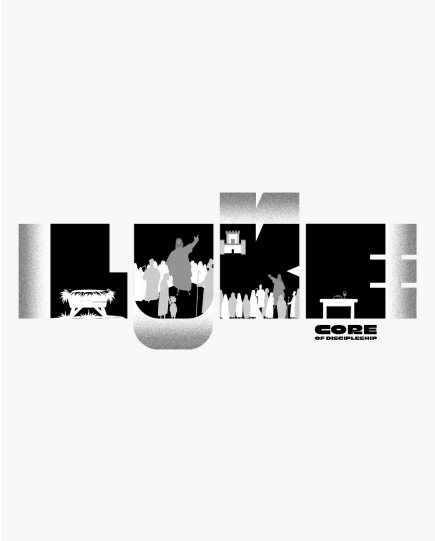
# BIBLE DISCOVERY

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## LUKE: Core of Discipleship

**Luke 20:27-40**

In our final portion of the Gospel of Luke, we enter the climactic week in the life of Jesus. We'll slow way down and dive into some CORE moments for Christ followers, including the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. We'll also learn why we can be certain that the Gospel is true and it's the only way that leads to eternal life.

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## The Big Idea

**(What is the author's point?)**

Jesus affirms God's covenant commitment to eternal life with Him for all who have become His children.

## Why It Matters

**(Why is this relevant to us?)**

What we believe matters. Today, as in the first century, there are those who view belief in Jesus and His authority is the foolish choice of an unthinking mind. With logic, science and other "authorities," they seek to undermine our faith and discourage us from walking in the way of a disciple. These voices emphasize living for today and the future of this world. Luke 20:27-40 gives us a glimpse at a theological interaction in which logic, wisdom and truth win the day. The Sadducees come to Jesus intending to reveal to those listening how foolish Jesus' foundational teaching about eternal life is. They, like so many of the voices then and now, have one thing right—what we believe matters. Our beliefs affect how we live. Along with the groups before them in Luke 20, they are out to catch Jesus and demonstrate His inadequacy. They fail.

Jesus knows that theology matters and responds to the Sadducees by answering the real question—is there life after death? He gives the hearers a glimpse into the age to come and the judgement that will usher in that age and reveal who is "considered worthy to attain to that age" (20:35). He asks for us to choose which kingdom we will pursue, which foundational truth we will base our life on. Where will we put our hope—in this age or in the age to come?

How will you respond to Jesus' authority—do you hang on His words regarding the reality of the resurrection and eternal life? While we know little of the details of life in the age to come, we can be

confident that it is a life lived in the presence of the Father, as children of God. The interaction with the Sadducees is an invitation to hope in the Kingdom to come and “to live to Him” (20:38).

## Good to Know

**(What are some helpful insights into this passage?)**

**Sadducees (20:27):** A religious party in first-century Judaism consisting of wealthy aristocrats with significant political connection and power. They did not believe in the resurrection, the afterlife, angels or demons. They recognized only the Torah (Genesis-Deuteronomy) as authoritative.

**“Moses wrote” (20:28):** This refers to the practice of Levirate marriage. “Levirate marriage is the practice of a man marrying the widow of his deceased brother, if she had no children. A child of this second marriage would provide security for the widow and would carry on the name of the deceased brother" (The ESV Global Study Bible).

**“this age”, “age to come” (20:34-35):** the time we live in; the time when the Kingdom of God is

**“considered worthy to attain to that age” (20:35):** See John 3:16; Romans 10:8-13



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## Group Guide

**Following the series with your group?**

- Start with some **icebreaker questions**.
- Read the passage together before you dive in.
- Share any insights from the message. Use the questions below to get your conversation started.

## Conversation Starters

1. In verse 27, Luke says that the Sadducees do not believe in resurrection. But then in their question to Jesus, they ask about resurrection in verse 33. What does this continue to reveal to us about the Sadducees?

2. A son carrying on the family name would have been culturally important to listeners. By not answering the Sadducees question, what is Jesus communicating about the Kingdom of God and eternal life?

3. How can/does the hope of future resurrection affect our lives today?

4. How can we encourage one another to remember the hope of resurrection?

## Prayer

King Jesus, help us to remember and live by your words. Help us to live with eternity in our sights. We love you and long to be with you, amen.

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