MANY WOMEN

Luke 8:1–3

1. Review Luke’s theme of faith in chapter 7; what do these examples tell us about the faith Jesus is looking for in us?
2. Note all of the women Luke mentions earlier (chapters 1 & 2; 4:38–39) and in later chapters (8:43–48; 10:38–42; 13:10–17; 15:8–10; 18:1–8; 21:1–4; 23:49,55–56; 24:10–11,22–24). Why do you think Luke highlights women?
3. Review the women Luke mentioned in chapter 7; what do they tell us about Jesus? What can we learn from the sinful woman about serving him?
4. How does Luke characterize the main elements of Jesus’ ministry (8:1)? Why is Jesus doing these things (4:18)?
5. Note the theme of  “the kingdom of God” in Luke and how it’s described ([see verses attached] 1:33; 4:43; 6:20; 7:28; 9:2,11,27,60,62; 10:9,11; 11:2,20; 12:31–32; 13:18,20,28,29; 16:16; 17:20–21; 18:16–17,24–25). Why was it at the core of Jesus’ message and ministry?
6. How does Luke describe the women who traveled with Jesus (8:2–3)? Why is it significant that: (a) Jesus had healed them, and; (b) that they are providing for him and his disciples “out of their means”? How is this another example of faith?

* 1:33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
* 4:43 but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”
* 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
* 7:28 I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”
* 9:2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.
* 9:11 When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.
* 9:27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”
* 9:60 And Jesus[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+9%3A60&version=ESV#fen-ESV-25353a)] said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”
* 9:62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”
* 10:9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’
* 10:11 ‘​​Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’
* 11: 2And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
* 11:20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
* 12:31-32 Instead, seek his[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+12%3A31-32&version=ESV#fen-ESV-25482a)] kingdom, and these things will be added to you. “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
* 13:18 He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it?
* 13:20 And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?
* 13:28-29 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.
* 16:16 “The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it.
* 17:20-21 “The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it.  nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”
* 18:16-17  But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”
* 18:24-25  Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!  For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”