

Week 9 - Luke 9:51-10:42

Small Group Discussion Guide:

1. Jesus headed to Jerusalem in Luke 9:51 with his departure on his mind. What is his attitude about the journey? What will his departure mean for his disciples? (See Acts 1:8.) How did Jesus begin preparing his disciples for his departure in chapters 9 and 10?
2. What did you learn about the cost of following Jesus in Luke 9:57-62? What would the disciples have had to believe and desire in order to follow Jesus in this way? To what extent do you think all Christians are called to follow Jesus in the radical way described in this passage?
3. What stands out to you about Jesus' instructions to his disciples in Luke 10:1-9? How do his instructions help you think differently about missions and outreach?
4. How does Luke 10:21-22 help you think about those in your life who have heard the gospel but don't yet "get it"? What attitude should you have regarding your own salvation based on these verses?
5. There is a lot of rejoicing in verses 17-24. Which truths in these verses bring you the most joy?
6. How are you doing at obeying the commandment in Luke 10:27? If your eternal life were dependent on your own ability to perfectly love God and your neighbor, what would that mean for you?
7. The lawyer in Luke 10:26-37 sought to "**justify**" himself, or declare himself righteous and deserving of eternal life. What are some ways people try to justify themselves apart from faith in Jesus Christ? What does Galatians 2:16 have to say about this?
8. What would Jesus' listeners have found surprising, challenging, or even offensive about his parable in Luke 10:30-37? What point do you think Jesus was making? Who is God challenging you to view as your "neighbor"?
9. How did Mary and Martha's priorities differ when Jesus entered their home? What lessons can you take for your own life from the examples of Mary, Martha and Jesus in Luke 10:38-42?

What is your big take-away from this passage or this discussion? Is there anything you need to confess or yield to God in response to this Truth? What will you praise God for? What will you ask God to do?