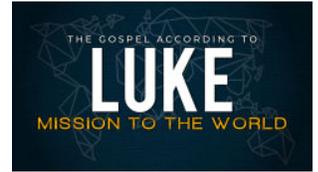


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Scripture: Luke 9:51-62



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus defines what it means to be his disciple.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- How do the preceding verses of this chapter provide helpful context for this passage? How had the disciples misunderstood Jesus' identity?
- What does verse 51 reveal about Jesus' mission?
- Where did Jesus send his disciples (verse 52)? Why were the Samaritans inhospitable (verse 53)?
- Why did James and John respond the way they did (verse 54; 2 Kings 1:1)? What can we learn from Jesus' rebuke? Discuss how we should handle rejections of the gospel.
- What does following Jesus indicate about what we believe about him?
- What did the scribe fail to consider before stating his intention to follow Jesus (verses 57-58)? Do you prioritize comfort, ease, or riches above knowing Christ?
- In verse 59, what was the excuse for delaying following Jesus? Do you think Jesus' response was harsh (Luke 14:26)? Do you recognize the urgency of proclaiming the kingdom of God?
- What kept the third would-be follower from committing to Jesus (verse 61)? Do fantasies of a past life of behaviors and affections distract or prevent you from following Christ? How does the gospel shake these distractions?