

Handling Spiritual Rejection

Luke 9:51 represents a turning point in Jesus' ministry. From this point on, Jesus is going to Jerusalem. Immediately after the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Jesus goes to Nazareth and is rejected (Luke 4:16-30). Similarly, the first thing that happens in this second major division of Jesus' public ministry is rejection.

Three Truths Concerning Rejection

1. We will be rejected
 - a. Jesus is rejected John 1:10-11
 - b. The heart of his ministry is the grounds for his rejection
2. We must remain obedient to Christ
 - a. Note the connections between Luke 9:1-5 and 9:40, 54
 - b. Despite our external circumstances
 - c. Despite our internal predispositions Mark 3:17
3. Our ministries continue
 - a. There is "another village"
 - b. God is not done with the cities that reject him Acts 8; 9:31

Application:

1. How do you respond to spiritual rejection?
2. Are you rejecting Christ and those who would minister to you in his name?