

Grace Group Discussion
Grace Focused Living
Luke 9:51-62

In our passage, Jesus is showing the disciples how to answer the issues of rejection and what it means to follow Jesus, all by extending grace.

1. Did you struggle at first to follow Christ? Can you recall why?
2. Jews and Samaritans had quite a history by the time Jesus came through. Review what you recall of the situation and why they really didn't care for each other.
3. Jesus could have traveled around Samaria instead of straight through it, why didn't He? Remember John 4?

Jesus' turn towards Jerusalem, though sobering, was filled with love and grace. He came so we could have life!

4. Why did Jesus rebuke James and John? (55-56) Why did they want to punish the Samaritans? (52-54)
5. How have we ever acted, or at least 'felt' like James and John here? (54) Have you ever wanted to "call down fire from heaven"?
6. What should be our response to people who do what the Samaritans did here?
7. Two of the three in vs 57-62 stated that they would indeed follow Jesus? Why was their statement not received by Jesus? What was He addressing in His response to them?
8. The second fellow in vs 59-60 was called upon by Jesus. What was the issue here and why did Jesus respond the way He did?
9. What keeps people from following Jesus today?
10. The life focused on the grace of God is one that invites, clearly telling others what it is to follow Jesus. How can you help other people follow Jesus?
11. In summary, what are we learning from Jesus as He trains His disciples?

Pray for one another and for Grace Community as we each learn to follow Jesus and trust Him more fully. Let's never stop asking Him to help us help others in following Him! (say that 3 times!)