

Journey with Jesus

STUDY 8 Luke 9:51-62 Count the cost of following Jesus

As a community we want to draw near to Jesus Christ, as we seek spiritual renewal together from God. We want to be with Jesus, become like him and share his news with others. We are inviting everyone to join in!

Jesus has spent his days proclaiming the good news that he is God's anointed King (see 4:17-21, 43). This study marks a new movement in Luke's gospel. Jesus begins preparing his followers for his departure in Jerusalem.

- v. 51 Until now Jesus has spent much of his public ministry around Galilee. **What change of direction does Jesus make at this point and why?** (v51)
- v. 52-56 So Jesus starts out towards his final destination. He has already said what will happen to him in Jerusalem (9:22, 44). **What do James and John suggest when the residents of a Samaritan village show hostility? Why do you think Jesus rebukes them?**
- v. 57-62 Luke records three conversations Jesus has on the road with his would-be followers. **What do you find most surprising and challenging about these conversations?**
- v. 57-58 Following Jesus does not guarantee you a comfortable life or an earthly home (see 9:23). **What does Jesus want this person to understand before they follow?**
- v. 59-60 This man wanted to fulfil the oldest son's duty to bury his father, to be near his father in order to obtain an inheritance. **What priority does Jesus want him to grasp?**
- v. 61-62 Saying goodbye to his family sounds like a normal request. **What does Jesus want to teach him about loyalty to the task of 'sowing' the gospel into people's lives?**

Apply Today's passage challenges our commonly held assumptions about following Jesus. **What things could you change in your life in order to follow Jesus wholeheartedly?**

The disciples are called to follow Jesus on his journey to the cross (see 9:23-27). The cost is high, **why is it worth following Jesus now and forever?**