

Church without Walls: Reaching the World through Service – Week One

A Trip Like No Other

Luke 9:51–19:44

Introduction – This morning we begin a new series that traces Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. I want you to put yourself in the disciples' sandals and imagine what it would have been like to travel with him, and then remember that you are traveling with him now. You are on a missional journey, and here's what that means.

1. OVERVIEW – The concept of being *on mission*.

- A. Luke 9:51—19:28 records Jesus' extended journey to Jerusalem.
- B. Luke 9:51—19:28 records a zig-zag journey.
- C. Luke 9:51—19:28 has a main theme: Authentic Christ-followers are saved to serve.

2. IMMEDIATE VISION – Being *on mission* is all about people.

- A. Notice what Jesus' mission was *not* about.
- B. Rather the focus is on reaching people at the point of their need.
- C. What about you? When you see people, what do you see?

3. BIGGER VISION – Being *on mission* means having a heart for the city.

- A. Notice the references to Jerusalem in this chapter. 19:51, 53; 13:34; 17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 41-44
- B. Notice the importance of cities throughout the Bible (Jer. 29:4-7; Jonah 1:2; 3:2; Rev. 2-3).
- C. What do you see when you see our city?

4. BIGGEST VISION – Being *on mission* means embracing kingdom goals.

- A. Notice how many times Jesus keeps his disciples on track with kingdom thinking.
- B. Application to Grace Community Church.
- C. Application to you: Are you a consumer or a missionary?