

The Serving Journey Requires Self-Confrontation

What it takes to be a missional Christian – Luke 9:51-62

Introduction – Jesus is about to take his disciples on their last mission trip from Galilee to Jerusalem. This journey equips them to be missionaries after he is gone. But the serving journey is hard and it requires self confrontation.

- 1. 1ST CONFRONTATION – The serving journey requires us to confront our own prejudice and bigotry. *Luke 9:51-52***
 - A. The disciples' have an improper expectation. 9:51
 - B. Jesus teaches them a tough lesson. 9:52
 - C. Jesus teaches us the same lesson.

- 2. 2ND CONFRONTATION – The serving journey requires us to confront our misunderstandings about power. *Luke 9:53-56***
 - A. The disciples experience rejection in Samaria. 9:53
 - B. The disciples exhibit a wrong response. 9:54
 - C. The disciples experience Jesus' rebuke. 9:55-56

- 3. 3RD CONFRONTATION – The serving journey requires us to confront our desire for ease and plenty. We are exiles! *Luke 9:57-62***
 - A. *Lesson from the 1st follower* – Exiles will experience alienation from the world. 9:57-58
 - B. *Lesson from the 2nd follower* – Exiles must put God's mission first at all times. 9:59-60
 - C. *Lesson from the 3rd follower* – Exiles must resist looking back at the old life. 9:61-62
 - D. *Insight* – All of us need to think of ourselves as exiles on mission. Requires four questions...