

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 9:51-62

Luke 9:1-6: You are Called to Proclaim the Kingdom!!

And he **called** the twelve together and gave them **power and authority** over all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to **proclaim** the kingdom of God and to **heal**.

Luke 9:10-17: You are Called to Satisfy Needs from a Place of Insufficiency

¹³ But he said to them, "**You give them something to eat.**" ... ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.¹⁷ **And they all ate and were satisfied.**

Jesus was Determined to Save (Luke 9:51-56)

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be **taken up, he set his face to go** to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village.

Isaiah 50:7

"But the Lord God helps me... therefore I have set my face like a flint, ..."

Big Idea: Jesus was determined to save, so that we would be determined to follow!

Jesus wants us to be Determined to Follow (Luke 9:57-62)

1. Wanting a Place to Belong

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, **someone** said to him, "**I will follow** you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has **nowhere to lay his head.**"

"My conversion was messy and dangerous. I lost friends and cultural capital. I did not lose my job because I was tenured, but I did have to go before my tenure board and explain what happened to me. That was fun." - *Rosaria Butterfiled*

2. Having Competing Priorities

⁵⁹ To another he said, "**Follow me.**" But he said, "Lord, let me first go and **bury my father.**" ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

3. Being Afraid to Go All-in

⁶¹ Yet another said, "**I will follow you,** Lord, but **let me first** say farewell to

those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and **looks back** is fit for the kingdom of God."

"Grant me chastity and continence, but not yet." For I was afraid lest thou shouldst hear me too soon, and too soon cure me of my disease of lust which I desired to have satisfied rather than extinguished. - Augustine

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Discussion Guide | **with** - Luke 9:1–50

Read Luke 9:51–56

- Based on this passage, what do we see that Jesus was determined to do?

Read Luke 9:57–58

- What does it mean to not have a place where you belong?
- How can our desire to belong hinder us from fully following Jesus?

Read Luke 9:59–60

- What does it mean to have competing priorities?
- How can competing priorities keep us from fully following Jesus?

Read Luke 9:61–62

- What does it mean to be afraid to go all in?
- How can fear keep us from fully following Jesus?
- What is one way you can grow in your determination to follow Jesus this month?