



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“On The Way With Jesus”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. Christ’s determination upends the expectations of both sinners and saints.
2. Christ’s response to injustice always challenges my natural inclinations.
3. Christ rebukes the spirit that confuses vindictive zeal with righteousness.
4. Christ is clear and honest because He desires faithful and not fair-weather followers.
5. Christ exemplifies and calls us to a determined resolution.

Key Verse:

“For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.”

— Luke 9:56

Discussion Questions:

1. Setting Our Face Toward God’s Purpose

Questions: Jesus “steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem” (v.51). What does it look like in your life to “set your face” toward something God is calling you to? Where do you feel distracted, discouraged, or divided right now?

Further Reading: Isaiah 50:7, Hebrews 12:1–3

2. When Jesus Doesn’t Meet Our Expectations

Questions: The Samaritans rejected Jesus because He didn’t align with what they wanted (v.52–53). Have you ever felt disappointed with how God was working (or not working) in your life? How did you respond—and what does this passage teach us about trusting Him anyway?

Application: Where might you be tempted to “reject” or resist what God is doing because it doesn’t match your expectations?

3. Responding to Rejection Like Jesus

Questions: James and John wanted to call down fire, but Jesus rebuked them and said He came “to save...not destroy” (v.54–56). When you experience rejection, disrespect, or opposition—what is your natural response? How is that different from Jesus’ response?

Further Reading: Luke 6:27–36, Romans 12:17–21, Galatians 5:22–23

4. The “Lord, Me First” Problem

Questions: Each of the three would-be followers says some version of “Lord...me first” (v.57–62). What are some subtle ways we say “Lord, me first” in our lives today (time, comfort, relationships, plans)?

Practical Application: What is one area where Jesus may be calling you to reorder your priorities this week?

5. Counting the Cost of Following Jesus

Questions: Jesus is brutally honest—following Him may cost everything (v.58–60). Why do you think Jesus emphasizes the cost instead of making following Him sound easy?

Application: What has following Jesus cost you so far—and what might He be asking you to surrender next?

Further Reading: Luke 14:25–33, Philippians 3:7–10

6. No Looking Back: Wholehearted Devotion

Question: “No one...looking back is fit for the kingdom” (v.62). What does “looking back” look like spiritually? What are some things from your past (habits, identities, comforts) that still pull your heart backward?

Application: How can you practically “press forward” this week in your walk with Jesus?

Further Reading: Philippians 3:13–14, Genesis 19:26 (Lot’s wife)

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.