

My mission or God's mission?

Community Group Leader's Guide

Luke 9:51-62 /// Week of January 7, 2024

### **Happy New Year! Welcome Back!**

- What are you looking forward to in 2024? Any New Year's resolutions?
- Review the Community Group Expectations **and** Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention? Or in the last newsletter article from Pastor Tim kicking off the New Year?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

### **This will be great for Bible Storytelling!**

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus's ministry on the way to Jerusalem.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 9:51-62 in the Bible.
- Think about verses 53 – 56. Why do you think the disciples James and John reacted the way they did? And what can we learn from Jesus's response?
- In verses 57 – 62 there are 3 different responses in following Christ. What were they? What do you think Jesus wants from us?

Heart

**You may need to model for your group what transparency and vulnerability look like here. Take note of who is really sharing and who is staying on the surface then follow up outside of group.**

- Think about a specific time when God asked you to follow Him (**may be a step of faith, may be an act of obedience**). What was your response? And what came from it?
- Share something that God is changing in you for His glory (**this could be something hard or something exciting to the group member**). Let's celebrate as a group for one another and pray for each other as God's Holy Spirit moves.

Hands

**Listen to each group member's response as to where they are spiritually. How can you help them to grow or how can you encourage them to disciple others?**

- What is one thing that that you would like to do differently right now to follow Christ? Do you need help? What is your next step?
- As we move from "adding" to "multiplying" in 2024 how will you be involved? What is God asking of you? **Read the newsletter article from Pastor Tim – this could help you leading the conversation.**
- Pray for one another and thank the Father for Jesus our Savior.