

INTRODUCTION

- * Our study of Luke has gotten juggled a little bit. After Hurricane Helene, it seemed appropriate to set aside our study to refocus upon our Great and Sovereign God who is also our Faithful and Loving Shepherd.
- * While I was in Argentina, David picked up in our study of Luke with the sending of the seventy disciples recorded at the beginning of chapter 10. Today, we will drop back into chapter 9 to finish that portion.
- * As context, Jesus had just been transfigured before Peter, James and John; and He had healed the demon-possessed boy in a manner that awed all who were there. While all were amazed, Jesus told His disciples to pay attention to what He was telling them, that He was about to be betrayed. However, as we see in this passage, the disciples sadly only paid attention as well as we do many times!
- * Jesus had communicated the expectation: deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Him. In today's passage we see how this expectation is met practically through six different vignettes displaying our call to humility and commitment.

INSTRUCTION**I. A CALL TO HUMILITY (v. 46-56)****A. The D_____ (v. 46-48)**

1. THE A_____ OF THE DISCIPLES
2. THE A_____ OF THE MESSIAH
 - a. The Omniscience of Jesus (cf. Genesis 6:5; Hebrews 4:12-13; Psalm 94:11; Psalm 139:2; John 21:17)
 - * Dialogizomai/dialogismos is generally paired with "the heart" (cf. Luke 2:35; 3:15; 5:21-22)
 - b. The Illustration of Jesus
 - * Whoever receives this child receives me (cf. Matthew 18:1-6)
 - * He who is least among you all will be great (cf. Matthew 20:25-28; 23:11-12)
3. THE A_____ TO ALL DISCIPLES
 - a. Without Disputing! (Phil 2:14-16; 1 Timothy 2:8)
 - b. Without Pride (cf. 1 John 2:15-17)

B. The E_____ (v. 49-50)

1. JOHN'S D_____ (v. 49)
2. JESUS' D_____ (v. 50)

C. The R_____ (v. 51-56)

1. THE SITUATION (v. 51-52)
2. THE SAMARITANS' REJECTION (v. 53)
3. THE DISCIPLES' REACTION (v. 54; 2 Kings 1:10-14)
4. THE LORD'S REBUKE (v. 55-56; cf. John 3:16-17; 1 Tim 1:15)

II. A CALL TO COMMITMENT (v. 57-62)**A. Regarding Your R_____ (v. 57-58)****B. Regarding Your R_____ (v. 59-60)****C. Regarding Your R_____ (v. 61-62)****INTROSPECTION**

- * How would Christ describe your relationship to Him?
- * Are you His disciple - a humble, committed follower?
- * Do you tend to focus more on you, or on Christ, in your life and affairs?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we "consider one another in order to stire up love and good works" in this area of committed discipleship?