

Luke 9:43b-62 "The Posture, Priority & Power of Discipleship"

In chapters 9 & 10 of Luke we find two predictions of Jesus' death that shape our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. So first...

Read Luke 9:21-24; 43b-45

1. What do you understand it to mean that we are to "pick up our cross" and follow him?

Read Luke 9:46-48

2. What does this argument reveal about what the disciples believed about the kingdom?
3. How does Jesus' use of the child help us to understand what it means to follow him? To be shaped by the cross?

Read Luke 9: 49-50

4. What does John's response reveal about his heart? Do you see such a heart present in the contemporary church?
5. What posture towards others does Jesus' response invite?

Read Luke 9: 51-56; 2 Kings 1:1-10

6. How does the story of Elijah help you understand the motivation of the disciples?
7. How is Jesus inviting us to respond to the ones who have wronged us by his response?

Read Luke 9: 57-62; 1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:9-14; Luke 24:45-49

8. What do these three quick exchanges tell us about what it means to follow Jesus?
9. What do we learn from the connection between Jesus' last words and the call of Elijah? What do we learn from the connection between the ascension of Elijah and the descent of his cloak, and the ascension of Jesus and the descent of his Spirit?

Read John 16: 13-15

10. What is the primary work of the Spirit according to Jesus, and how does that shape us as disciples?