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The Journey To Jerusalem | Welcome & Rejection | Luke 9:51-10:17

1. Picture yourself as an ordinary Jew living in Judea at the time of Jesus. What do you think your reaction to him and his message would be? Would you welcome him as the Messiah? Or would you be sceptical of a supposedly holy teacher who ignored all the religious rules and conventions? (Be honest!)
2. Jesus 'resolutely set out for Jerusalem' (v51). Why do you think he was so committed to his mission even though he knew it would end in his death? Have you ever been convinced that a course of action was directed by God? How come? What drove you?
3. What cost do you think is involved for you in following Jesus (vv 57-62)? Persecution? Or maybe missing out on some things non-Christians enjoy? Would you be 100% committed to following Jesus even if that meant giving up your home, lifestyle or creature comforts?
4. Has there ever been a time when you've stood up for your faith in Jesus despite opposition or rejection? Describe what happened.
5. Where would you say is the 'spiritual frontline' of your life? Do those you interact with know you're a Christian? Are there any intentional friendships/contacts you could form, eg always visiting the same barber/hairdresser, joining a new club or society?
6. Do you find evangelism/witnessing easy? How would it change the way you talk about your faith if you always were to acknowledge the Holy Spirit with you and ask him to work through you?
7. Andy asserted in the sermon that 'No one ever got argued into the Kingdom of God'. How does this compare with your experience? Is there a place for confrontation in evangelism? Where does one draw the line with a godly challenge?
8. When is it right to talk about the coming judgement when sharing our faith? Should people be told about hell, or does this amount to scare tactics or emotional manipulation?
9. Timothy Keller writes: "We needn't be afraid of rejection because our saviour saved us by rejection." What comfort can we take from the one who was despised and rejected by mankind taking our pain and hurt on the cross by bearing others' sin as well as our own?
10. If there are specific hurts from rejection that still affect you, share them with one another as you feel able, and spend some time praying for one another as you trust in Jesus' healing and peace.