



Sermon Discussion Questions  
Sunday, April 12, 2026

“Following Jesus with Purpose”

**Luke 9: 51 – 62**

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1. What was new, different, or challenging from this message?
2. Discuss Jesus’ resolve (“he set his face”) to go to Jerusalem. What does that mean for his followers who struggle to follow him faithfully?
3. Discuss the following: “What hinders us from following Christ is not always something sinful; sometimes it is something good in itself that nevertheless gets in the way of what God really wants us to do.”
4. Interact with the following: “We need more than zeal for God’s glory; we need hearts that are filled with the compassion of Christ. We need more than the knowledge of Scripture; we need spiritual insight to know how to apply it to our own situation. Never is this more important than when we think we have a responsibility to defend God’s cause. We may be right about the sin in someone’s life, or a problem in the church, or some ungodliness in government, or the prevailing errors of our culture. But are we responding in a way that demonstrates the kindness of God, the mercy of Christ, and the truth of the Spirit speaking in Scripture?”
5. As followers of Christ, why is there an urgency to the gospel-sharing, kingdom work he calls us to?
6. Jesus uses a proverbial saying about the inability to plow and drive a straight furrow while looking back. How does this apply to our following him and seeking his kingdom?
7. Where may Jesus be calling you today to sacrifice to follow him with purpose and how does his sacrifice for you and this world motivate and enable you to obey?