

What needs to change in my life in order to live in obedience to this passage?

Why do we take it personally when people reject our story of faith?

The following statement was made in the sermon:

“Don’t take ownership over how people respond to the Gospel”

Discuss.

What is the mission that God has called you to at this moment?

Can you put a name to that mission?

Pray for each other as we seek to embrace the mission of Christ



Towards Jerusalem

“Stories from Luke
Pointing to the Cross”

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 1: We are all part of the mission

**7 March 2021
Luke 10: 1-24**

Series Overview:

Towards Jerusalem is a series that is going to take us all the way to Easter. It's based on Luke 10-24 and follows Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. The first nine chapters of Luke focus primarily on who Jesus is. But when you get to chapter 9, the focus shifts.

We are told in chapter 9, verse 51:

“As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.”

Luke 9:51(NIV)

Series Overview continued:

From that point forward, the narrative of Luke's gospel is all about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. It is not a journey driven by geographical landmarks or distance milestones. Rather, it is a journey of the heart. Jesus is preparing himself and his disciples for all that awaits them in Jerusalem. He is preparing them for the cross. But more than that, Jesus is preparing them for that which comes after the cross. He is preparing them for the resurrection and for the mission to which those who have been raised to life in Christ have been called.

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks to his disciples and to those he meets along the way. His words are both comforting and jarring, encouraging and challenging, gentle and harsh. They are words that proclaim the kingdom of God. And they invite the listener to not only embrace this kingdom but to devote their lives to advancing it. Jesus' journey to Jerusalem begins and ends with a very specific call for his disciples to be on mission.

Week 1: We are all part of the mission

Text: Luke 10: 1-24

Read Luke 10:1-24 aloud.

What instructions did Jesus give to the 72 concerning their departure? What were they sent out to do?

What authority did Jesus give the disciples?

The Sunday message gave three defining missives about those who follow Jesus.

1. We are called to be part of the mission
2. We are called to proclaim the gospel
3. We are called to love those who reject Jesus.

What does this narrative tell me about God?

What does this tell me about people and myself?