

What does this Bible passage tell me about Jesus?

What does this tell me about myself?

What is Jesus telling you in this season or maybe just this week? Is he saying, "It's time to go and do? Or is Jesus saying, "It's time for you to stop and listen?"

What am I going to do this week to let him change me?

Pray for each other as we seek to live out the Gospel, by spending time with God, and also living it out by serving others.



Towards Jerusalem

"Stories from Luke Pointing to the Cross"

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 2: Doing and Not Doing

14 March 2021

Luke 10: 25-42

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 2: Doing and Not Doing

Text: Luke 10: 25-42

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus often encountered people who simply did not understand what he or the kingdom was all about. In chapter 10, we read about two such individuals. One is a lawyer (an expert in the law of Moses). The other is a woman named Martha. Even though their life situations are very different, both are dealing with obstacles that are keeping them from really embracing the message of Jesus. The lawyer is looking for ways to excuse his lack of compassion for certain groups of people. Martha is trying to find her identity in her performance. The remedy that Jesus offers to each is different. For the lawyer, he tells a parable that removes the boundaries the lawyer has placed on his compassion and challenges him to "go and do" likewise. For Martha, it's just the opposite. Jesus invites her to "stop doing and listen."

If you were to ask Jesus which example applies to you (the lawyer or Martha) his answer would probably be "Yes." Sometimes, we need to be challenged to "go and do," and sometimes we need to be challenged to simply "stop doing and listen" to the words of Jesus.

What do the lawyer and Mary have in common?

How are they very different?

Sometimes we need to be told, "go and do". Sometimes we need to be told, "stop doing and listen". Is there one in which you tend to value more?

How do we live out the gospel? We were given five ways in today's sermon:

1. Meeting the practical needs of others
2. Knowing no boundaries
3. Being willing to risk
4. Starting with receiving the gospel
5. Listening to Jesus.