

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, Feb. 14th 2016

The Gospel in Story | The Neighbor (Lk 9:51-62; 10:25-37)

Travis mentioned two responses to Jesus' proclamations of the Gospel in Lk 9:57-62:

- Option 1: Testing & Justifying (The Lawyer who tested Jesus, Lk 10:25-29)
- Option 2: Acknowledgment and Perspective (The Good Samaritan, Lk 10:30-37)

1. Which of the three responses of Jesus in Lk 9 are most difficult for you to hear? Why?
2. In what ways have you tested Jesus before? How have you tried to justify yourself before God?
3. Travis said we often test Jesus and try to justify our lives before him (the option that the lawyer took), but what fruit does testing Jesus and justifying ourselves yield?
4. Have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus has passed the ultimate test (Lk 4:1-13; 22:39-46)?
5. Option 2 is acknowledgment and perspective, as seen in the parable. When you look at others, do you look down at them in the ditch? Or do you see them as though you're there with them looking out? How did Jesus view us?
6. Travis said the parable gives us changed perspectives on people, possessions, money and time. Which of these needs a perspective shift in your life? How can you be like the Good Samaritan this week?
7. What possessions are you willing to give up for the sake of Jesus and your "neighbor"?
8. Travis said "deep down, we all know we need someone else to sacrifice for us in order to be saved." Yet most all of us come to a relationship with Christ because of someone else's sacrifice on our behalf. Who is in your life now that needs an investment from you, to hear the good news of Jesus our savior?