



## context:

Question of the day: If you could change one thing about yourself, what is the one thing that would make all the difference?

## line by line: Luke 9:51-56

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

<sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

<sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

Luke 9:51-56 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Isaiah 50:6-7 (ESV)

## application:

## ON THE ROAD

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Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

**TEXT:** Luke 9:51-56

1. What questions did this week's message raise for you?
2. Read the text, Luke 9:51-56, through together.
  - a. What is the picture of Jesus you get here?
  - b. What is the picture of ourselves here [i.e. – do the disciples have anything to teach us]?
3. What has been your experience—or picture in your mind—of the season of Lent?
  - a. How does this passage and what Jesus did for us adjust or inform your view of this season?
  - b. If Lent is really what we could call "the season of following Jesus to the cross," what does that do for your perspective?
4. Read Isaiah 50:4-7 together.
  - a. If these are the words of the coming Messiah, what does this tell you about the Character of Jesus Christ?
  - b. What do these words tell us about his relationship to us?
5. Luke 9:51-56 is an example of Jesus pattern of ministry when he was with us the first time – i.e. a refusal to execute judgment. He had a consistent pattern of this (other than with people who should have known better, like the religious types). Another disciple standing there later explained what he had learned from this. Read 2 Peter 3:9.  
What does that tell you about how Jesus will treat you if you choose to join him on the road to the cross, by laying aside the sins & issues that beset your life?

Pray for one another, and your whole church family, that we would live out our vision of following Jesus this Lenten season. Pray that we would all be engaged in being like Jesus, as much as we know how, for the next "40 days" leading to Easter.