

# SERMON NOTES

## Set Your Face

**Luke 9:51-56 (NKJV) - 51** Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

WE MUST FIRST **SEE HIS FACE**:

**52** and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.

WE MUST **COPY HIS FACE**:

**53** But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.

WE MUST **FACE OTHERS**:

**54** And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

**55** But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.

**56** "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

WE WRESTLE AGAINST SPIRITUAL FORCES, **NOT AGAINST PEOPLE**

**Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV) - 57** Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

**58** And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

**59** Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

**60** Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

**61** And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."

**62** But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

### **Other Verses mentioned:**

**Luke 4:43 (NKJV):** But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

**Isaiah 50:6-7 (NKJV) - 6** I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

**7** "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

**Isaiah 53:2-3 (NKJV) - 2** For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

**3** He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

**The “Ruler of this world”** – John 14:30, John 16:11,

**John 12:31 (NKJV)** - 31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

**Colossians 2:15 (NKJV)** - 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

**Matthew 17:2 (NKJV)** - and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. (Also see John 1:14, 2 Pe 1:16-18)

**2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)** - ... Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. Hebrews 3:7-8 NKJV - Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

**John 6:44 (NKJV)** - "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDES

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

**1** - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

**2** - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

**3** - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?  
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do **PRACTICALLY** in response to this teaching?

**4** - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

**The blessing** and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.