



## Responding to the Savior

## Luke 9:51-62

### Something to Start Us Off

- Describe an insincere or negative response to Jesus that you have either seen or given yourself at one time.

### Something to Notice

- Read v.51 closely. What point is this in the life and ministry of Jesus?
- Which disciples wanted to command fire to come down from heaven?
- Which of Christ's responses in the second section is easiest to grasp? The hardest?

### Something to Understand

Many have tried to give explanations as to what the potential disciples in 9:59 & 61 really meant by their words. Usually, these explanations are plausible and so may be true. The main point, however, seems to be that when push comes to shove, Jesus must mean more to us than anyone or anything else.

*(Matthew 10:37-38) Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*

- What reason does Luke give for the Samaritans not receiving Jesus? How are we to make sense of that?
- What are some "commitments" that people make to Jesus today that, in the end, must be described as less than a true commitment?
- How would you explain the meaning of what Christ says in v.62?

### Something to Take Home

- After this week's study, what would you say should be included in a sincere and positive response to Jesus?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 9:51-62 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?