

Calling Down Fire Luke 9:51-56

Bulletin Notes

The disruptive grace of God...

exposes

confronts

transforms

Make room for the disruptive grace of God.

Looking Back

Luke 9 takes us on a tour of some of the disciples' failures. They fail to grasp Jesus' identity, they aren't able to cast out a demon, and they argue about who's the greatest. But perhaps their greatest failure comes at the end of the chapter when they try to call down fire on a Samaritan village for rejecting Jesus. What this episode tells us about our own hearts is important to understand, but what it shows us about the grace of Jesus is even more significant.

Thinking It Through (agree/disagree/consider/contemplate)

"Only if God can say things that make you struggle will you know that you have met a real God and not a figment of your imagination." Tim Keller

"The amount of grace you show others is directly proportional to the amount of grace you sense you need from God yourself." Jared Wilson

"It's impossible to love someone you disagree with when you secretly believe they need Jesus more than you do." Duke Kwon

Working It Out

1. Read Luke 9:51-56. Slowly. What jumps out to you? What words or phrases do you notice?

2. Try to imagine the disciples' experience. How do you think they felt when they saw that the Samaritan's rejected Jesus? How do you think they felt when Jesus rebuked them for their response?
3. The grace of God can be disruptive. How do you see that in this text?
4. What is your response to the idea that you may have prejudice and anger deep inside you? (defensiveness, acceptance, etc.)
5. Do you have a Jesus who can rebuke you? What does it look like to have that kind of relationship with God?
6. As far as you know your own heart, are there any areas where you struggle to love others that you would be willing to share with the group?

What would it look like to invite the transforming grace of Jesus into those places in your life?
