



## Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

**OVERVIEW:** Jesus turns His face toward Jerusalem and the cross with intentionality.

**PRAYER FOCUS:** There are multiple opportunities for prayer highlighted in blue. Use some of these to pray together throughout your time.

### GETTING STARTED

1. On a scale of 0-10 (0 being no time- 10 being the maximum amount of time available), how quickly do you usually make decisions?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages to your answer from the previous question?

### DIVE IN

1. Vs 51 says that Jesus determined (lit. stiffened His face) to go to Jerusalem.
  - a. How should our goals in life determine our decisions?
  - b. How should our decision-making interact with our relationship with God?
  - c. In reality, how does your decision-making interact with your relationship with God?

Pray that our relationship with God would become the lens through which we make our decisions. Pray over where each of you struggle.

2. In vs 53, Jesus shows that following what God has told us to do means that we won't be accepted by some people. At times, these are people you know and may even be those closest to you. How does it make you feel knowing that you might not be accepted by people you know and love because of following Jesus?

Pray against the fear of not being accepted by others.

3. Vs 62 shows that when a decision is made, everything that doesn't fit with that decision needs to be given up. Why might it be hard to do that practically?

Pray against the fear of potential loss included in following God's plan.

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How could making a permanent decision now help you decide something in the future?
2. What is something that God has told you to change recently?
3. How has your decision-making changed according to this new direction?
4. What are some obstacles that you might face heading this new direction that would be hard for you?

Pray against the fear of the unknown and thank God for the foresight of knowing how to follow Him when His plan for us feels difficult.