

GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."

Sermon Recap

As Jesus leaves (gets kicked out of) the Samaritan village after a not-all-that-great encounter, the disciples are feeling defeated. The disciples are even a bit irritated. But as they're walking, it seems as though they'd picked up some hitchhikers who were not counted among Jesus' disciples. Jesus starts to teach them about what it means to become a disciple. Who were they? Were they Samaritans? Is it possible that Jesus said or did something that caught the attention of some, even if not all? After being given the boot from the village, are we discovering that Jesus still had an impact? Sometimes, we forget this, ourselves. In moments when we feel like abject failures in ministry, God is still working through us. While we may never know the impact our ministry efforts are having on others, we can trust that there is an impact, and God is working through us.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 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?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. Would-Be Followers of Jesus. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." -Luke 9:51-57

Applied to My Life:

1. The disciples initially were very irritated at the Samaritan village, so irritated that they started to plot its demise. Have you ever felt that way toward someone or a group of people? If so, how do you suspect Jesus responds to those feelings?
2. The disciples-to-be popped up out of nowhere, presumably from the Samaritan village. Sometimes we suspect that followers of Jesus will fit a certain mold. How do we feel when they don't? (*Pastor Brian would encourage you to read "Accidental Saints" by Nadia Bolz-Weber*)

Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: