

TRUE GRIT

Luke 9:51-62

- Jesus resolved to complete His mission to save us.
Luke 9:51

- Jesus' mission would be marked by His rejection and His mercy.
Luke 9:52-55

- Following Jesus demands being resolved, and will mean giving up...
Luke 9:57-62
 - Comfort.

 - Worldly respect.

 - And the relationships of our old life.



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Have you ever thought about Jesus' grit: His moral fortitude and unwavering resolve in the face of adversity? Where do we see examples of grit in this world?
2. Read Luke 9:51. How does Jesus' resolve encourage you? How can the cross comfort you when you feel like God isn't hearing you or when you are facing difficulties in life? (see Gal 2:20, Rom 8:37, Eph 5:2, 25, 1 John 4:10, 19, Rev 1:5)
3. Read Luke 9:52-55. In your life, when you've faced rejection what has been your default response? What was Jesus' response? (see Ephesians 2:4, Romans 12:19)
4. How can we grow to have a greater appreciation of Jesus' merciful heart?
5. Read Luke 9:57-62. How would you summarize the demands of discipleship to a child? Why does discipleship require us to have this sort of commitment (see Luke 16:13, Luke 9:27)
6. When have you had to give up one either comfort, worldly respect, or the relationships of our old life in order to follow Jesus?
7. Of the three people in Luke 9:57-62, which is the most challenging to you? Why?
8. How is Jesus asking you to trust Him in a deeper way this week or to live with truer grit?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle