

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY · STUDY SHEET

Movement VII · Weaponized Difference

Fire on the Village

The series question: "*And who is my neighbor?*" (Luke 10:29)

LUKE 9:51 And it happened in the fulfilling of the days of His taking up, even He set His face to go to Jerusalem.

52 And He sent messengers before His face. And going they went into a village of Samaritans, so as to make ready for Him.

53 And they did not receive Him, because His face was going toward Jerusalem.

54 And seeing, His disciples, James and John, said Lord, do You desire that we tell fire to come down from Heaven, and to consume them even as Elijah did? 2 K. 1:10-12

55 But turning He rebuked them. And He said, You do not know of what spirit you are.

56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s souls, but to save. And they went to another village.

READ ALONG: Luke 9:51–56; 2 Kings 1:10–12 (the precedent they cited)

Follow along

1. Why did the Samaritan village refuse to receive Jesus?

2. What did James and John want to do, and what precedent did they appeal to?

3. Why might the disciples have felt justified?

4. What did Jesus do, and what did he not do, after the refusal?

5. When you have been turned away, what did you want to happen next?

6. Where have you heard Scripture used to justify contempt for a group?

7. How can a person be right about the text and still not know "of what spirit" they are?

Leave them with

THE ONE QUESTION

Who rejected you, and what do you still wish on them?

- 1. What would *going to another village* look like for you this week?
- 2. Which verse do you use most often as a weapon?

The empty chair. Every week one chair at our table stays empty. It is for the person you would never invite.

Notes
