

# Mission to Samaria

Scripture: **Luke 9:51–56**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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## Overview

In this passage, Jesus and his disciples are traveling through Samaria on their way to Jerusalem. We see the heart of Jesus on full display amidst the existing tensions between the Jews and Samaritans. He shows that he's not just willing to walk amongst the despised but that his very purpose in coming was to save those who despised him. While we were despisers of God, he came to rescue and redeem us. Because of this, **in Christ, we extend grace to the despised and our despisers.**

## Corroborating Texts

Acts 2:23, Mark 8:31, John 15:18, 1 John 3:13, Luke 6:27-31, John 3:16-18

## Discussion Questions

1. In following the example of Jesus, we're called to not avoid the despised. Culturally, who are the "despised"? Are these groups any different for those within the church? Who do you tend to avoid personally?
2. What lie(s) are we tricked into believing that leads us to despise and avoid certain people or groups of people?
3. What do Jesus' actions towards the Samaritans reveal about his heart? How does this connect to his ultimate mission? [His very purpose in coming for the despised was to be rejected, because in it salvation was accomplished]
4. Our tendency is to conform in order to avoid being rejected or despised by certain people. Who do you fear being rejected by? How does the gospel help us overcome this?
5. Why are we so drawn to the false religion of "comfortable Christianity"? In what ways can this be just a more disguised version of the prosperity gospel?
6. What truth empowers us to—albeit imperfectly—desire the redemption of those who despise us?