



Lean In...to Struggle and Suffering

Evelyn Lo concluded our “Lean In” sermon series this past Sunday by preaching on seeing the world with God’s redemptive eyes. We’ll be looking at the passage where Jesus’ disciples want to call down fire from heaven against the Samaritans who have rejected Jesus. The Samaritans and Jews have a complex history, which likely led the disciples to present such an outlandish plan. However, the disciples miss out on Jesus’ heart for people—all people, even the ones who reject him. We can be quick to judge people and tend to be shortsighted in the way we view the world, but what would it look like for us to see the world through God’s eyes?

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: What was a highlight (or lowlight) from Thanksgiving weekend?
- Accountability Question: How have we put into practice what God spoke to us about last time?
- Sharing praise reports and prayer requests.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY: Luke 9.51-56

51 When the days were approaching for His [a]ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; **52** and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. **53** But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. **54** 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?” **55** But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; **56** for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.”] And they went on to another village.

Discussion Questions:

- What strikes me from this text and why?
- What do I learn about Jesus?
- What do I learn about people or myself?
- What might God want to say to me through this text?

- What am I going to do this week as a result?

COMMISSIONING

Close by praying for each other over the things God spoke to each person and over what we're going to do as a result.