

MORE GROWING UP TO DO

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Luke 9:43-56

INTRODUCTION – Another Year of Training was still needed

- In rapid-fire succession, we see that the disciples are:
 - ▶ Lacking in faith (vv.37-43)
 - ▶ Lacking in tolerance (vv.49-50)
 - ▶ Lacking in understanding (vv.44-45)
 - ▶ Lacking in handling rejection (vv.51-56)
 - ▶ Lacking in humility (vv.46-48)

DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING (vv.43b-45)

PRINCIPLE #1: Expectations can cloud your grasp of reality.

DEVELOPING HUMILITY (vv.46-48)

PRINCIPLE #2: The person who desires greatness in God's eyes must learn to be truly small.

- Luke 8:48b - *It is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.*

DEVELOPING TOLERANCE (vv.49-50)

PRINCIPLE #3: Zeal minus Love & Insight = Disaster

DEVELOPING A BETTER RESPONSE TO REJECTION (vv.51-56)

- John 4
 - ▶ Positive reception in Samaria
 - ▶ Traveling away from Jerusalem
- Luke 9:
 - ▶ Negative reception in Samaria
 - ▶ Traveling toward Jerusalem

PRINCIPLE #4: Any time we seek anything but the salvation of the lost, we go off mission.

- 2 Timothy 3:12 - *Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*
- Luke 19:10 - *The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

- I will MEMORIZE Luke 9:48b.
- I will memorize 2 Timothy 3:12.
- I will memorize Luke 19:10.



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Lesson Aim: *To discuss key character traits Jesus wants to develop in His followers.*

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

Ice-breaker: What's a subject that you have a hard time understanding?

1. **READ Luke 9:43-45.** The text tells us the disciples did not understand what Jesus meant. A major reason for this lack of understanding was that the disciples had faulty expectations about Jesus. What were some of these faulty expectations?
2. What are some other faulty expectations that Christians can develop today?
3. **READ Luke 9:46-48.** What are the disciples arguing about? How do we find ourselves having these same kinds of attitudes today?
4. One of the key character traits Pastor Scott talked about in his message Sunday was “developing humility.” What does Jesus teach us about developing humility in these verses?

5. **READ** the following verses. Write down additional insights they teach us about developing humility and share one with your group.
 - **Philippians 2:5-11:**
 - **James 4:6-10:**
 - **1 Peter 5:5-11:**
6. **READ Luke 9:49-50.** What were the disciples upset about? Describe a time when God used someone to do His work that surprised you (maybe even upset you)?
7. **READ Luke 9:51-56.** Jesus also wants to develop in His disciples “a better response to rejection.” How do you usually respond to rejection?
8. Have you ever experienced rejection specifically because of your faith in Jesus Christ? If so, please share briefly about one of these times with your group.
9. Which of these four character traits (review your message notes if necessary) do you need to work on the most this next week? What are some things you can do to be intentional about this?

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

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