

We are at a turning-point in Luke, and the focus now shifts to the content of what Jesus is teaching his disciples. Jesus tells his disciples more about what is involved in following him.

1. In 9:57-62, what does Jesus say is involved in following him? What general principles can we learn from these specific instructions? What practical implications do these principles have for us?
2. In 10:10-16, what does Jesus tell his disciples to do when they are rejected? Why, according to v16, is rejecting the disciples' message serious?
3. What is the 'day' referred to in v12? What will happen 'on that day' to those who reject the disciples' message?
4. In 10:17-20, what do the disciples appear to be rejoicing about? But what does Jesus tell them they ought to be rejoicing about instead? Why does he say this? (See, e.g., Revelation 20:11-15, 21:10, 27). In what way is Jesus' response surprising? What lessons does this verse have for you?
5. In 10:21-24, what are the main things Jesus teaches about how people get to know God? By comparing v21 with vv23-24, who are the 'little children' of v21?
6. In 10:25-37, what is the primary question Jesus is answering? What is the initial answer Jesus gives in vv26-28? To what extent is it possible for anyone to fulfil these requirements? So how is eternal life to be obtained?
7. The story of the Good Samaritan teaches us about loving our neighbour. What lessons does Jesus teach us in the parable?
8. Look at 10:38-42. What is the 'better' thing that Mary chose? In the light of what Martha was doing, why is Jesus' statement actually quite surprising? What lessons does this have for us?