

## Samaritan Opposition - Luke 9:51-56

*Topics:* Goals, Opposition, Rejection

### Open It

1. What kinds of things happen when a big project, such as a political campaign or a special event, nears its completion?
2. What are some examples of prejudice that you have seen?
- \* 3. When something or someone for whom you've worked very hard is rejected, how do you typically react?

### Explore It

4. What significant event was looming on the horizon? (9:51)
5. Where was Jesus going? (9:51)
6. In what manner did Jesus set out for His journey? (9:51)
7. What preparations did Jesus make? Why? (9:51-52)
8. What were the messengers supposed to do? (9:52)
- \* 9. Why didn't the Samaritans welcome Jesus? (9:53)
10. Where did Jesus and His disciples go? Why? (9:53-56)
11. What did James and John think of Samaritan hospitality? (9:54)
- \* 12. What did James and John want to bring down on the Samaritans? Why? (9:54)
- \* 13. What did Jesus think of His disciples' suggestion? (9:55)
14. What did Jesus do about the Samaritans' rejection? (9:56)

### Get It

15. What possible connection might there have been between welcoming Jesus and His going to Jerusalem?
- \* 16. How do you handle it when someone rejects you because of prejudice or for petty reasons?
- \* 17. If you had been a disciple, what would you have suggested been done to the villagers?
18. When have you resolutely faced up to a situation that you knew was going to be difficult or even dangerous?
19. In what ways do we get sidetracked by retaliation?

### Apply It

20. What steps can you take over the next few days to keep your God-inspired goals in mind?
- \* 21. What do you want to remember the next time you feel a desire to retaliate or get even?