

Grow in confidence – with Luke’s Gospel

MATERIAL for Life Groups and Discipleship Triplets

9th Meeting **THEME: Agents of peace in a polarised world**

Prepare yourself. Take time to read Luke 9 and 10. Pay special attention to the passage for tonight.

20.00 – 20.10 Icebreaker to begin with: We live in a polarised world. Where did you experience that recently?

20.10 – 20.15 Pray Ask God for His Holy Spirit in this meeting

20.15 – 20.40 Bible passage **Read: Luke 9:51-56**

Look again at verse 51 – 52 (Understand Jesus’ mission and the mission of disciples)

Jesus came on earth with a mission to save. A first target of the mission had been accomplished: that some would know and see who he was (see 9:20). But now they should understand what he has come for (see 19:10). On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus will teach a lot about this (and first the disciples will make a lot of mistakes).

- Samaritans and Jews did not like each other. Why would Jesus have sent his disciples there to make preparations for Him?

Look again at verse 53 (Understand the result of the mission to the Samaritan village)

- The disciples could have predicted that this would happen. Then why would Jesus have sent them there?
- Look at John 4:20. What was the problem of the Samaritans with Jerusalem?

Look again at verses 54-56 (Understand the responses to this result)

- Can you explain the angry reaction of James and John? (Look at II K. 1:10 and at Luke 3:16-17)
- Jesus rebukes them and goes on to another city – with the risk they won’t have a place for rest (see 9:57) What can we learn here from Jesus?

Lesson: Disciples of Jesus are not only sent to people who are like them, but also to those who are unlike them; even though there is the risk that they will not be welcomed and rejected. We must try to make connections with people who are unlike us. Only then there can come possible openings for the Gospel. We must not give up, even though many doors will not go open.

20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper: agents of peace in a polarised world.

Take some moments to think of these questions:

- Have you ever begun to try to make such connections; and if, have you continued or given up?
- Would you be willing to be available for Jesus’ mission? Any idea to whom he sends you the upcoming time?

20.50 – 21.00 End Share and end with prayer for each other.