

QUESTIONS WEEK BEGINNING 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

Read Luke 9:51–56

1. What does it mean that Jesus “resolutely set out for Jerusalem”? (v51).
2. The rejection of Jesus and the disciples from the Samaritan village generated a disturbing response from James and John (v54) - why do you think James and John reacted so strongly?
3. Can you recall a time when rejection made you want to lash out? How did you respond?
4. A couple of weeks ago the Farnborough life group based their service on different types of Mr Men that we can be like. On Sunday Glyn referred to James and John as being like Mr Angry. Which Mr Man or Little Miss are you most like? (see the list on page 2)
5. Calling down fire from heaven like Elijah did was referring to an incident in 2 Kings 1 where Elijah called down fire to consume 50 soldiers, and then did it a second time!
 - i. Do you think James and John had the authority/ability to call down fire from heaven?
 - ii. Do you think we have authority/ability to call down fire from heaven.
 - iii. Is there ever an appropriate time for Christians to desire or implement severe rebuke of people who don't agree with us?
6. Who might be the “Samaritans” in your life today—people you tend to avoid or dislike?

READ Luke 10:38–42

8. What do you think Martha was feeling when she complained to Jesus about Mary?
9. Was Martha wrong to serve or was it her attitude that Jesus corrected?
10. How do you usually respond when someone gently corrects you?
11. What might “sitting at Jesus’ feet” look like today for us and how does our culture’s obsession with busyness make this harder?
12. Why do you think Jesus valued Mary’s listening posture more than Martha’s busyness?
13. If Jesus visited your home today, would you be more like Mary or Martha—and why?
14. What can we learn from Jesus’ balance of correction with James, John and Martha and His affirmation of Mary?
15. Which of the characters in these stories do you think FBC most resembles?

MR MEN & LITTLE MISS

