

Weekly Discussion Guide – 2-8-2026

Follow the Rabbi, Week 5: “Set Your Direction”

Text: Luke 9:51-62

1. If we compared life to running, would you describe yourself as more of a sprint person, a marathon person, or a mix? Why?
2. **Read Luke 9:51-62.** To whom do you relate most in this passage – Jesus, James and John, the Samaritans, or one of the three that came to Jesus along the road? Why?
3. What do you notice about Jesus’ attitude and actions in this passage? Why do you think Luke emphasizes that he “resolutely set out” or “set his face” for Jerusalem?
4. How does Jesus’ rebuke of James and John challenge your instinct to react when offended, ignored, or disrespected?
5. What do you make of each of Jesus’ reply to the three would-be followers that came to Him along the road?
6. Thinking back over your life, what has primarily set your direction (e.g. a certain image of status, success, or security; perceived expectations from family or surrounding culture; personal aspirations; a spiritual sense of calling, etc.)?
7. John Wesley said of sanctification, “If you seek it by faith, you may expect it as you are; and expect it now.” How does this understanding of sanctification, “the direction of perfection,” affirm or challenge your view of spiritual growth?
8. In your life, where do you feel most tempted to focus on perfection (performance) rather than direction (singleness of heart)?
9. Is there an area of life where you feel pulled in multiple directions right now? How can this group pray for you as you seek God’s help in setting your face toward Jesus and trusting Him to reshape your loves, loyalties, and priorities?