Series: The Common Twelve
Passage: Luke 9:51-56
Sunday: March 16, 2025

Focus Disciple: James and John
Luke 9:51-56 (ESV)

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent
messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations
for him. 53 But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 And
when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down
from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 And they went on to
another village.

1. Other than the passage above, list other instances in scripture where we see James and John. What is significant about those you listed?

2. Where was Jesus looking and what significant events are happening on the horizon of His life?

3. What wall has been built up between the Jews and the Samaritans?

4. What prompted James and John to suggest calling down fire on the Samaritans?

5. How would Jesus respond to such super-spirituality if you acted in a condescending manner toward those who are obviously ungodly?

6. What aspects of James and John's early character do you want to avoid or correct in your life?

7. In what ways do you want to be like James and John?

8. After reading this passage, how does Jesus' nickname for James and John, "sons of thunder", reflect their personalities?