

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, June 29, 2025

Reading: Luke 9:51-62

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we focus on trusting Jesus, even when the lessons are confusing or difficult, and then doing the work Jesus asks of us! Click here: <https://youtu.be/0BxTSWg2SmA> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- Jesus comes to a Samaritan town, and the people of the town reject him. James and John ask if they should send down fire to consume the town. But Jesus rebukes them.
- Then, a person on the road declares he will follow Jesus. But Jesus tells the person the Son of Man has no where to lay his head. Jesus asks another person to follow him, but the person wants to bury his father first. "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:60)
- Still another person volunteers to follow Jesus, but asks first to say farewell to those in his home. "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (John 9:62)

Two Questions

- What is happening here? Jesus shows mercy to those who reject him, and seems harsh to those the Bible passage titles as "Would-Be Followers." Is Jesus really asking us not to bury our dead, or not to say goodbye when we leave our family? What is Jesus really saying we should be doing when we "put our hand to the plow?"
- What if those who would follow Jesus had already made themselves ready? Would there have been any difficulty at all? How often do we promise ourselves (and God) "just one more day, and then I'll dedicate myself to do what you ask"?

Action Step

- This week, do, or discard, one thing that is holding you back from Jesus! Then put your hand to the plow for God's work!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!