

**Jesus' Journeying toward Jerusalem**  
**First Stage: Luke 9:51–11:36**

**Memory Verse:** *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you"* (Luke 11:9 ESV).

**Background Helps**

For the next four weeks, we will explore an extended portion of Jesus' ministry, most of which is unique to Luke's Gospel (Luke 9:51–19:27). Frequently in this section, Luke refers to the fact that Jesus is journeying toward Jerusalem: Luke 9:51, 53; 13:22, 33; 17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 28 (see also Luke 9:31). His ministry in Galilee seems now to be over, and Christ sets his face toward Jerusalem (9:51), where he will bring to a climax his mission on earth by dying, rising, and ascending back into heaven. His ministry during this period (perhaps about six months) is concentrated in Judea and Perea (see chart #10 and map #4 from your Bible map and chart set). Luke records many of the teachings of Jesus during these travels, especially some parables that are found nowhere else in the Gospels.

**Lesson Helps**

The wide variety of teaching in this week's passage probably means that you should focus on one portion of it. After giving the background above, lead your class in a study of one of the following subjects:

- The cost of discipleship: Luke 9:51-62.
- Serving Christ: Luke 10:1-24.
- Loving your neighbor: Luke 10:25-37.
- Priorities: Luke 10:38-42. (Notice Luke's emphasis on women.)
- Prayer: Luke 11:1-13. (Use the memory verse. Notice Luke's emphasis on prayer.)
- Luke 11:14-36. This passage treats several different topics: Jesus responds to the accusation of verse 15 in verses 17-26; he responds to the test of verse 16 in verses 29-32; and he responds to the statement of verse 27 in verse 28. See if you can write a lesson aim that covers all three of these topics.

Choose your Scripture portion and write a lesson aim based on a prayerful estimate of the needs of your class.

**Home Assignment:**



Read Luke 11: 37–13:21.



Memorize Luke 12:34.