

Luke 22:35-38

I. Christians and mission

- A. Jesus is telling them that their lives are going to change, starting tonight
- B. Mission has been easy, now it will be hard
- C. Mission has been local and short-term, soon it will be all over the world and long-term (Luke 9:1-6; Acts 1:7-8)
- D. They have enjoyed safety; soon they will be in danger (Luke 4:29-30)
- E. They have enjoyed constant hospitality; soon they will have to take care of themselves

II. Mission and self-defense

- A. Buy a sword: what is Jesus talking about? A genuinely difficult passage.
- B. A follower of Jesus Christ does not view all harm as persecution (cf. 1 Peter 4:15 cf. Acts 25:11)
- C. A follower of Jesus Christ must use force in a proportionate way (Genesis 4:23-24; 9:6; 1 Corinthians 6:7-8)
- D. A follower of Jesus Christ must be motivated by love in all things (Luke 6:27,35; Genesis 9:6; Romans 12:19; 13:1-7)
- E. Followers of Jesus are not revolutionaries (Luke 22:49-52; Acts 23:4-5; 25:11)
- F. Followers of Jesus understand that the world is not yet at peace (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3; Psalm 46:9)
- G. Followers of Jesus are not to rejoice in violence.

III. Why mission is hard

- A. Jesus's point here is that we ought to prepare for the hardships of mission.
- B. Through most of his time of service, healing, and preaching, Jesus was popular.
- C. Now he will be hated and rejected. Why? (Isaiah 53:12)
- D. If you want to follow Jesus, expect to travel a hard road
- E. Jesus may want you to move somewhere or do something hard
- F. "A disciple is not above his teacher" (Matthew 10:24-25)
- G. "Out of the anguish of his soul he will see and be satisfied." (Isaiah 53:11)