

1. LUKE 9:51-56

- What has JUST happened in this passage? Discuss vs. 28-50 as it leads up to this passage.
- How would you describe Jesus' friends at this point? If you were Jesus, what would you do?
- Describe James & John's _____ here.
- How does Jesus _____? Why? Discuss.
- What can we learn from this situation as Christians in terms of our friendships?
 - Friends will _____ us frequently; even good friends.
 - There is a time and place for _____ even our own friends! Discuss when that place and time would be.

II. What about our ENEMIES?

1. MATTHEW 12:14-15

- Why were these people Jesus' _____? Discuss.
- How did Jesus _____ them? Why?
- What should this teach us?
 - Don't _____ enemies unless you make them through _____ for what's right!
 - Don't _____, _____, or _____ "bad blood" among others; your _____ is too important!



2. MATTHEW 12:22-32

- Why did the _____ say what they said here?
- Is there anything in your life that this situation reminds you of? Discuss how this makes us feel.
- Why do you think Jesus doesn't remain _____ here? Discuss.
- What do we learn from Jesus about how/when to _____ to our enemies?

3. MATTHEW 15:1-14

- What is the clear _____ of the Pharisees and scribes here? Why is it important to see that?
- How must it have looked when Jesus, a poor _____ son, rebuked the religiously _____ of the day?
- What can true _____ expect from most "_____ " people today? Isn't it strange that sometimes our strongest _____ come from within the _____ community? Why? Discuss.
- What can we learn from this response?
- Jesus' _____ seem shocked by His response, based on verse 12. What can we learn from what Jesus said to them?