

## Some final thoughts

Language of the “on the road” section:

- Much use of Q material (teachings and sayings of Jesus)
- Much continued military language, but not a lot of OT citation

“On the road” progress:

- Very little geographical progress!
- Analogous to the wandering in the desert by Israel
  - o Preparations for entering the land
  - o Some military conflicts, in preparation for the main military conflicts in the promised land

“On the road” pattern:

- Situation or Address involving Pharisees (experts in the Mosaic Law) – *they already have the Kingdom of God in their midst (the Word of God) but they have missed it by becoming diagnosticians and surveillance-keepers and hoping to gain positions of prominence and honour in a future kingdom*
- Turns to his disciples and teaches
- Often uses a parable (There was a certain man..., there was a certain judge....)
- Often concludes with a link back to the Pharisees
- Pericopae of this pattern are interspersed with healings (last one 18.35-43 – also last one in Lk)

Conclusion:

- The ‘military conflict’ that Lk depicts is fought with
  - o Speech (self-expressive action)
    - Teaching
    - Polemic
    - Healings
  - o NB: This is also characteristic of the way God acts!