

## **Luke 9:57-62 – Following Jesus**

### **Introduction**

*Holding nothing back.*

*Jesus gave 100% of himself. Justification, sanctification, & redemption only works if Jesus gives 100% of himself.*

*In today's passage we see Jesus challenging us to follow him with 100% of ourselves.*

*Can you follow him and hold nothing back?*

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### Warming Up

1. What's important to you? Would you be willing to give that up?

### Into the Passage

*Let's take a look into the passage and get some understanding about it. One of the best ways to read this passage is to put yourself into the scenario as if Jesus was speaking to you.*

2. What is Jesus' response to the first person? What is he talking about?
3. Jesus tells the second person to "Follow me." What does it mean to follow Jesus?
4. What's the second man's reason for not immediately obeying. What is Jesus' response?
5. Is what Jesus says too harsh? Why?
6. The third person wants to say farewell to those at home first. What does Jesus' response about a plough have to do with it?
7. Why are Jesus' words so strong towards these people?
8. Why don't these people follow Him?

### Moving Forward

*How would you respond to Jesus asking these questions to you?*

9. If Jesus asked you to leave everything right now and follow him, would you? Why or why not?
10. Why doesn't Jesus want you to look back after following Him?
11. Does following Jesus mean saying goodbye to everything?
12. Why does Jesus want 100% of you?
13. What percentage of your life are you giving to God at the moment? Explain.
14. What would you need to do to increase that by 10%?

### Life Together

*Discipleship is a committed relationship to Jesus. It's entrusting Him with your life. How do we, the church, play a role in encouraging our lives as disciples.*

15. Read Ephesians 4:15-16

What's our responsibility to one another? How can you practically help each other increase your faith by 10%?

Read out loud together 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." Now spend time praying over each other with the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Final Thoughts

*I think many of us want a guarantee from Jesus before we leave everything behind. We want to know that we'll be taken care of, that we'll be secure, that the ones we love will be cared for as well. It's ironic that we would ask for something more – because God has already give us the most amazing proof – he gave his only son to be a sacrifice for us. Throughout the Bible, we've seen God being faithful and true, with mankind being the inconsistent one. Discipleship should be one of the easiest decisions we should ever make.*

## **Luke 9:57-62 - Some Leader's Notes**

*These notes are primarily for the Into the Passage portion, and are to be used just as guidelines or commentary notes. Most of them are my own thoughts, so take that with a grain of salt. Let the Word of God lead you to truth, not these notes. Don't place too much focus on them, and let the Bible study discussion lead primarily from the passage itself.*

### **Into the Passage**

*Read Luke 9:57-62*

16. What is Jesus' response to the first person? What is he talking about?

*He says that Jesus has no place to rest his head. Be prepared to be on the move. Be prepared to leave everything behind. He's challenging this man to be willing to leave everything behind.*

17. Jesus tells the second person to "Follow me." What does it mean to follow Jesus?

*It means to give him 100% of yourself and be ready to go where he leaves. It's a call to discipleship.*

18. What's the second man's reason for not immediately obeying. What is Jesus' response?

*He wants to go back and bury his father. (Jewish culture means the period of mourning could often be up to 1 year)*

19. Is what Jesus says too harsh? Why?

*It seems harsh, especially among cultures which place an emphasis on family responsibility. But if we know Jesus, we would be willing to trust Him with our family as well.*

20. The third person wants to say farewell to those at home first. What does Jesus' response about a plough have to do with it?

*We often want to do our own things first before following Jesus. But Jesus says commit to me first and don't look back. He will lead us into the right situations and the right time. Trust him completely with your situations and social networks.*

21. Why are Jesus' words so strong towards these people?

*He's emphasising the cost of discipleship.*

22. Why don't these people follow Him?

*They don't trust him. Or they don't believe he is God.*