

KING FOR ALL #22

Luke's Gospel



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Luke 9:51-62

A. SERMON POINTS

1. The mission of Jesus (v51-56)
2. The call of Jesus (v57-62)

New priority
New allegiance
New resoluteness

3. The value of Jesus (v61, 62)

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

Have there been decisions in your life that came with a great cost, but yet were very worth it?

Would you agree that there are many *nominal* Christians in the world today, i.e. Christians in *name only*?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

1. V51. Why was Jesus determined to go to Jerusalem?
2. V52-56. How did the disciples respond to the rejection of Jesus? (For background Cf. 1 Kings 18:38-40, 2 Kings 1:10-12) Why did Jesus rebuke them? Cf. 2 Peter 3:9
3. V57-62. How would you describe the different types of people referred to here? Why was Jesus not satisfied with their responses to his call to follow him? Contrast Jesus' own attitude in v51.

Note

V59, 60. The man wants to delay to after his father's death, which may or may not be imminent. In Jesus' reply, "the dead" are those who have no spiritual life.

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. How should Christians (incl. missionaries) react to those who oppose them and the gospel?
2. Jesus doesn't make it easy for would-be disciples to follow him. Why not?
3. What are the consequences for our family life of following Jesus?
4. How have we perhaps miscommunicated the call to follow Jesus? How should we present the call to follow Jesus in our evangelism?
5. Would you agree that *"following Jesus is a hard walk, but it is worth it, because it is a walk with God"*? (Darrell Bock)

Note: Jesus and my life (family, work, career, leisure etc.)

As Christians, we are called to love and care for our families (e.g. Ephesians 5:25). In fact, the Bible says that someone who does not provide for his own family (especially in times of need) is worse than an unbeliever (1 Timothy 5:8). However, in our families, our first allegiance is not to our spouse or children, but to Christ. For Jesus, being a disciple is an all-consuming priority and a very serious business. Following Jesus is not an extra task or hobby to be added-on to all our other tasks and hobbies. Following Jesus is our main priority and ALL the rest of life is add-ons, whether you're a mechanic or minister, medical-profession or missionary, chartered-accountant or church worker.

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Pray for God to help you to put Jesus first in every area of your life and wisdom to know what that will practically mean.

Pray for our annual missions conference on Saturday that God will greatly encourage and challenge all participants. Pray that God will continue to ignite our passion as a church for missions.

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