

The Cost of Following Jesus - Luke 9:57-62

Topics: Devotion, Faithfulness, Follow, Home, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Loyalty, Relationships

Open It

1. About what sorts of things do you get enthusiastic?
- * 2. When working on a group project, what excuses do people use to postpone or avoid fulfilling their obligations?

Explore It

3. Where were Jesus and His disciples when this story began? (9:57)
4. To what lengths did the first man say he would follow Jesus? (9:57)
5. What was Jesus' reply to the first man's statement of devotion? (9:58)
6. In what way were foxes and birds of the air more secure than Jesus? (9:58)
- * 7. What did the second man want to do before following Jesus? (9:59)
8. What was the second man to do instead of burying his father? (9:60)
9. How did Jesus respond to the obligations of family life? (9:60, 62)
- * 10. What did the third person want to do before following Jesus? (9:61)
- * 11. Who is not fit for the kingdom of God? (9:62)
12. What imagery did Jesus evoke to examine the person's loyalties? (9:62)

Get It

- * 13. Given Jesus' replies to the three would-be followers, what do you suppose their conflicting loyalties were?
14. What did Jesus want the three men to do?
15. With which of these men do you most easily identify?
16. Why did Jesus encourage the one man to place such little value on family responsibilities?
17. What loyalties conflict with our allegiance to God?
- * 18. From this account, how would you summarize the costs of following Jesus?
19. What are the costs of following Jesus?
20. Why are there costs in following Jesus?

Apply It

- * 21. What would help you this week to remember your loyalty to Christ?
22. With whom in your circle of family or friends can you reaffirm your desire to follow Jesus?