



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of July 31, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text: Luke 9:57-62

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think unbelievers would be attracted to Jesus? How can someone be attracted to Jesus, be awed by His power and His teaching, and even desire to follow Him, yet ultimately reject Him as Savior?
2. According to our passage this week, what is the cost of following Jesus? (see also 2 Timothy 2:3) For you personally, what cost have you paid to follow Jesus?
3. What did Jesus have to give up and sacrifice in order to save a lost humanity? (see 2 Corinthians 8:9). Understanding the degree to which Christ condescended Himself, helps us understand the breadth and length and height and depth of His love for us. How does this understanding fuel our desire to follow Him regardless of the cost?
4. Jesus rebuked the would-be disciple who wanted to first bury his father before following Jesus. Do you think it is wrong for Jesus to ask His followers to prioritize Him above even our own families? (see also Luke 14:26) Why or why not? Do you think more people would be saved, if Jesus would just relax a little, and be more open to the personal desires of His would-be followers? Why or why not?

5. Why does Jesus warn His followers not to keep looking back to their past? (Think about the farmer who is plowing his fields and keeps looking back) What do Christians need to keep their eyes fixed upon? How significant is Jesus Christ to your life? (See Matthew 13:44-45)