

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Luke 9:57-62

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Luke 9:57-62.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

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,

“The foxes have holes
and the birds of the air have nests,
but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

⁵⁹ And He said to another,

“Follow Me.”

But he said,

“Lord, permit me first to go
and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ But He said to him,

“Allow the dead to bury their own dead;
but as for you, go
and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Another also said,

“I will follow You, Lord;
but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.”

⁶² But Jesus said to him,

“No one,
after putting his hand to the plow
and looking back,
is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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4. What is Jesus's response in verse 58? What is the point of the contrast that Jesus draws?

5. How does Jesus's response challenge the view of discipleship that the first person had?
(Hint: how does the "wherever..." of verse 57 contrast with the "nowhere..." of verse 58?)

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9. Is it wrong to want to bury one's own father? What point is Jesus making?
(Hint: note both "Lord..." And "but..." in verse 59 and the two uses of "go...: in verses 59 and 60)
10. How does Jesus's response challenge the view of discipleship that the second man had?
11. What does the third person say to Jesus in verse 61? How does this compare to the previous two?

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12. What does Jesus say in response to the third man? What point is He making?

13. Read 1 Kings 19:19-21. What is similar in that account to this one? What is different? Why?
(Cf. Luke 9:18-20)

14. How does Jesus's response challenge the view of discipleship that the third man had?

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❖ Day 3

Read Luke 9:57-62 again.

15. According to this passage, is saying you do or you will follow Jesus enough to bring you into His kingdom? Why or why not?

16. Read Luke 10:1-2. How do the three interactions about following Jesus in 9:57-62 shape our understanding of the next section of Luke's gospel in the sending out of the 70?
(Hint: compare the titles for Jesus in both sections and consider his charge in 9:60)

17. What is the point being made in Luke 9:57-62? How would you summarize the passage?

In preparation for Sunday, pray for the Spirit's work in your heart to confirm your discipleship to what Christ has called us to.