

Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



Date: December 27, 2020
Sermon Title: The Cost of Following Jesus
Sermon Text: Luke 9:51-62

Bottom Line

Follow Jesus will cost you comfort, change your priorities and require unwavering commitment. That is nothing compared the cost that Jesus paid so that we could experience salvation. There is joy, even in the pain, when it involves following Jesus.

Scripture

Luke 9:51-62 (ESV)

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. 53 But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 And they went on to another village.

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."

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (ESV)

1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Start

Pastor Brian began his sermon this week by talking about seasons in life. How would you describe the season of life that you find yourself living in? Which season of life has been the sweetest one for you? What are you looking forward to experiencing in your next season of life?

Let's Talk

1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. What surprises you about the list that Solomon compiled in this passage? Is there are time that a season caught you be surprise? Talk about that .
2. Read Luke 9:51. What is significant about this verse? What was it that Jesus had his eyes on in Jerusalem?
3. Read Luke 9:52-53. Why did the Samaritan people reject Jesus and the disciples? How have you faced opposition because of following Jesus? What does Ephesians 6:12 teach us about opposition to our faith?
4. Read Luke 9:54-56. What were James and John thinking when they asked if they should call down fire from heaven? (See 2 Kings 1:9-14). How could the opposition that James and John experienced from the Samaritans have sidetracked them from the mission that Jesus had for them?
5. Do you have a life mission? What is it? If not, why not?
6. How have we as a church moved forward on mission despite the pandemic?
7. Read Matthew 9:57-62. What do these verses teach us about the cost of following Jesus?

Let's Act

If you don't have a life's mission, spend some time this week writing one out. Share it with the group next time we are together.

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