

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: The Cost

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Luke 9:57-62



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Sermon Outline

I. The cost of following Jesus

- a. Comfort (9:57-58)
- b. Relationships (9:59-60)
- c. Desires (9:61-62)

II. The gain of following Jesus

- a. A King (9:60)
- b. A Savior (9:62)
- c. A Shepherd (9:59)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
2. Where are some other places in Scripture (or even in Luke!) where God lays out for us what following him will cost us? Why is God *good* to put these things front and center?
3. Compare Luke 9:57-62 with Luke 9:23-26. What are some similarities?
4. In Luke 9:57, an unnamed person says to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." This is what it means to be a disciple: to go where Jesus goes. Why is that hard for people (or for you)? Why do we follow him instead of him following us?
5. Luke 9:57-62 lays out three different costs of following Jesus: the cost of comfort, the cost of relationships, and the cost of desires. Think through some examples of all three. Which of these three have *you* had to let go for the sake of Jesus? In what ways did Jesus "pay" all three?
6. What's the difference between a relationship that's strained because of a person's allegiance to Jesus and a relationship that's strained because of a person's belligerence toward others? How do we keep ourselves from the latter?

7. What are some examples of *sinful* desires we don't want to let go? What are some examples of *good* desires that can still get in the way of our relationship with Jesus?
8. What in your life is pulling on you to "look back" (Luke 9:62) instead of follow Christ?
9. What's the difference between giving up everything to follow Jesus and being *willing* to give up everything to follow Jesus? How do you know you're willing to do that? How does one become *more* willing to do that?
10. In your own words, why is it important to remember the *gain* of following Jesus and not just the cost?
11. In what ways have you enjoyed Jesus as a King? A Savior? A Shepherd?
12. What are some other blessings that are bound up with Jesus?
13. How would you help someone who's experienced the cost of discipleship take stock of all they have in Christ?