

Discipleship Costs

Luke 9:57-62

04.11.10 LG Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. **Life Change.** Becoming a disciple of Jesus should impact every area of our lives. a) Describe the first change that took place in your life once you began to follow Jesus. b) In what area do you still need to change and is there anything that is keeping you from cooperating with the Holy Spirit? If so, what?

Getting into the Bible

2. **Comfort.** Jesus knows what deters each of us from following Him. In this study, He identifies three such deterrents. a) According to Luke 9:57-58 and Matthew 8:19-20, what was the occupation of His first would-be follower and why did his statement sound so promising at first? b) Why did Jesus answer him the way He did and how was it meant to test him at a deeper level than he expected? c) Is this concern keeping you from taking any risks for Jesus? Explain.
3. **Security.** In Luke 9:59-60, Jesus invited a second man to follow Him. a) What made him back pedal at the offer and how do we know his excuse was bogus? b) What did his hesitation reveal about his values and source of security? Do you think you'd pass the test if Jesus gave you a similar invitation?
4. **Support.** Family is a blessing. However, close family ties can be a deterrent to following Jesus. Why else would Jesus squash the third man's plans for a "going away" party before he followed Him? a) Do you think Jesus was unreasonable? Or is there something about family that can hinder us from following Jesus? See Luke 12:51-53. b) Is your family a help or hindrance as you try to follow Christ?

Getting Personal and Practical

5. **Your Costs.** The comfort, security, and support we enjoy surpasses that of the would-be disciples we've just met. So how much is enough? Instead of looking for more of these things, name one thing you will give up for Jesus as a result of this study and how you will try to replace it with His contentment and joy.