

LEARNING WITH LUKE 9:57-62 - "Count the Co\$ of Following Jesus?"

Luke 9:57-62 "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head...leave the dead...leave the dead to bury their own dead... no one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God"

John Piper - The Rock I am talking about now is because the object of hope is future. The experience of hope is present. That is powerful. Hope gives meaning to daily life. It liberates from the selfishness of fear & greed - now. It empowers love & risk-taking & sacrifice - now.

person # 1- will You follow Jesus THERE ?

Leave every thing - Jesus your possession

Luke 9:57-58 - possession
2 Tim 2:1-26 - pursuits
Mark 10:17-31 - preview
Matt 6:19-34 - providence
2 Cor 9:1-15 - produce

JC Ryle - Jesus would have no man enlisted under false pretenses. There is a battle to be fought, a race to be run, a work to be done, and many hard things endured. Jesus would not discourage us, but to know the truth.

RC Sproul- Right now the kingdom of God is at stake. The war is on between the prince of this world and the Son of God. In redemptive history nothing else matters. The only place you can be is on the front lines.

person # 2- will You follow Jesus FIRST ?

Leave every one - Jesus your priority

Luke 9:59-60 - priority
Luke 14:25-43 - plan
Phil 3:7-21 - press on
Heb 12:1-29 - perfecter

RK Hughes- Jesus' famous answer exalts the urgency of His call: 'Let the spiritually dead bury the physically dead.' A man alive to God must do the greater thing. There is so little time, and we have such Good News!

JC Ryle- It is impossible to serve Christ with a divided heart. A good soldier must give his present duties the principal place. Let us be willing to do anything, suffer anything, and give up everything for Christ's sake.

person # 3- will You follow Jesus NOW ?

Leave every excuse - Jesus your purpose

Luke 9:61-62 - purpose
1 Kings 19:19-21 - plow
1 Tim 4:6-16 - promise
1 Tim 6:1-19 - pursue

RC Sproul- when you put your hand to the plow of the kingdom of God, your vision can only be to the future. All those who would have God, to press on to His kingdom, must have their eyes fixed on Christ & His future.

RK Hughes- those who pine after what they left behind, who are always remembering the comforts of home and hearth, and who dream about how life might have been if they had not stepped onto the road with Jesus, who keep looking in the rearview mirror, will not do well on Jesus' road.

DAILY BIBLE READING - ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY...

5-17 **Luke 9:57-58** - possession
5-18 **Mark 10:17-31** - preview
5-19 **Luke 9:59-60** - priority
5-20 **Philippians 3:7-21** - press
5-21 **Luke 9:61-62** - purpose
5-22 **1 Kings 19:19-21** - plow
5-23 **1 Tim 4:6-16** - promise

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God
♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey ?

