

FOLLOW ME • LUKE 9:57-62

In Luke 9:51 we read these words, “As the time approached for Jesus to be taken up into heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.” This is a theme marker in Luke’s gospel. From this passage through chapter 19, Jesus’ final trip to Jerusalem, and last call for the nation to repent, and receive Him as the Messiah, are recorded. The window of opportunity is closing and when Jesus enters Jerusalem in 19:28, it will slam shut, with Jesus taking His place at the cross. These 9 Studies will follow the teaching ministry of Jesus on His journey to Jerusalem.

Read 9:57-62

1. Reread 9:57,58. Jesus addresses three components of what it means to follow Him. What aspect of commitment is Jesus describing here?
2. What does it mean to follow Christ?

Passion has been described as not only the willingness to sacrifice, but the desire to sacrifice for someone or something you love; your commitment is so intense that you desire some sort of opportunity to demonstrate it.

3. In what ways have you had to sacrifice for Jesus? How have you experienced this sense of passion in your sacrifice?
4. Read 9:59-60. What aspect of commitment is Jesus requiring?
5. What sorts of problems and issues might this young man face if he didn’t show up at the family funeral?
6. The young man wanted to put family commitments first. What does Jesus say must be the priority for His disciples? Does this seem unfair? Why or why not?

7. In this passage, Jesus makes the call to discipleship synonymous with proclaiming the gospel. Do you think it is?
8. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Often the only commodity college students have, is time. List the amount of hours you spend doing the following activities:
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| Studying | Spending time with boyfriend/girlfriend |
| Listening to Music | Playing sports |
| Watching TV | Shopping |
| Playing Video games | Doing Ministry |
| Instant Messenger | Studying Bible and prayer |
| Eating | |
9. Does this list accurately portray the priority Jesus has in your life? What are some ways you have tried to make Jesus a daily priority?
10. Read 9:61-62. What aspect of commitment is Jesus emphasizing?
11. What things have you noticed that seem to cause Christians to turn back on their commitment to Christ? What, more than anything else, calls you to turn back?
12. Here are some common phrases spoken in wedding vows: "in sickness and in health, "to honor and cherish," "forsaking all others," "till death do you part." What similarities do you see between these vows and this passage? What is Jesus really asking?
13. Sometimes couples renew their vows in the course of their relationship. Reread the passage, and if you desire, fill in the following:
- Jesus, as I more fully understand the commitment you have called me to, I desire with all of my heart to say, "I do."

sign your name

date

Memory verse

Luke 9:62 "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."