



**“Costs of Following the Leader”**

**Luke 9:57-62**

**Pastor’s Choice Series**

**Introduction**

**Luke 9:57-62** – *“As they were going on the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” And He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” But He said to him, “Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.” Another also said, “I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say goodbye to those at my home.” But Jesus said to him, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

**Background**

What Jerusalem Meant for Jesus

Luke 9:51-53: *When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.*

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**I. It’s Going to Cost You Your Pleasures (vv. 57-58)**

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Is Jesus more prized, more satisfying than your pleasures, than your comforts?

**II. It’s Going to Cost You Your Priorities (vv. 59-60)**

- a. The Master’s Command (v. 59a)** - *And He said to another, “Follow Me.”*
- b. The Servant’s Priority (v. 59b)** - *But he said, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.”*
- c. The Master’s Priority (v. 60)** - *But He said to him, “Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.”*

“If you don’t want to follow Jesus as a top priority in your life, He doesn’t want you as a disciple.” – R. C. Sproul

### III. It's Going to Cost You Your Plans (vv. 61-62)

<sup>61</sup> Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say goodbye to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Matt. 6:33: "But seek **first** the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Luke 17:28-33: <sup>28</sup> Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup> but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— <sup>30</sup> so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. <sup>32</sup> **Remember Lot's wife.** <sup>33</sup> Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it."

### Conclusion

A disciple is "One who knows God personally and pursues Jesus passionately, modeling everything in their life after the character and priorities of Christ." – Sonlife Ministries

The cost of following Jesus is invaluable.

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#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ACTION ITEMS:**

1. When entering a situation, are you a person who naturally thinks more about what you're going to get or more about what it is going to cost?
2. Have you experienced your own personal challenges with v. 57, following Jesus WHEREVER?
3. Do you have any "let me first" statements that may at times get in the way of following Jesus?
4. Do you struggle with looking back as you follow Jesus?
  - a. If not, what are some of the things that have helped you stay the course while following Him?