



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – LUKE 9:51-62

1. Was there anything about the message/passage today that you'd like to discuss further?
2. This passage contains some difficult teaching about what it means to enter the kingdom of God. When you think about what it means to live in the kingdom of God what things come to mind? Why? How does this passage contribute to that thinking?
3. Jesus responds to three different men who wanted to follow him in this passage. The first man was overly idealistic. How do people sometimes idealize following Jesus today? Why is this so dangerous and damaging to our understanding of the Kingdom?
4. The second and third men don't understand the demands of the kingdom. They are full of "buts" and "if only's." Why can't somebody follow Jesus in that way?
5. In what areas of your life have you been overly idealistic in your discipleship journey?
6. Both men want to ensure that following Jesus won't cost them their relationship with their families. Why do you think Jesus demands we esteem our relationship with him over any other earthly relationship? Where and how have you struggled with this requirement?
7. In the message, Pastor Wes said there was a difference between total surrender and total obedience. What's the difference? Why is it important that you give Jesus total control even if you're not able to be totally obedient? Why would Jesus say that your unwillingness in this area reveals a form of spiritual death in you?
8. Jesus says that anybody who "looks back" isn't fit for the kingdom of God. The word fit means useful. Why would looking back to your old way of life (and all that entails) cause you to be ineffective in your attempts to serve the Lord and live in God's kingdom?
9. What practical changes will you make to your life this week so that you can continue growing in your relationship with the Lord?