



Sermon-Based GC Discussion Questions

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Title of Sermon: *A Life Aligned with His*

Main Point of Sermon: Following Jesus requires aligning our expectations, priorities, and affections with His rather than reshaping His call around our preferences.

Launching Question:

- When you hear Jesus say “Follow Me,” what do you think most people assume that life will look like?
- Why do you think people often try to reshape Jesus’ call to fit their lives instead of reshaping their lives to fit His?
- In everyday life, what are some ways people claim to follow Jesus but still try to stay in control of where their life is going?

Primary Scripture: Luke 9:57-62

Discussion Questions:

- In the first encounter (vv. 57–58), Jesus responds to a man’s promise to follow Him “wherever” by pointing out that He has nowhere to lay His head. What expectations about following Jesus might this man have misunderstood?
- Why do comfort, safety, and stability often shape how we evaluate whether we will obey Jesus?
- In the second encounter (vv. 59–60), the man asks to bury his father before following Jesus. Why would this have sounded like a completely reasonable request to Jesus’ listeners?
- Jesus contrasts burying the dead with proclaiming the kingdom of God. What does this reveal about the difference between important responsibilities and ultimate priorities?
- In the third encounter (vv. 61–62), Jesus uses the image of a farmer plowing a field. Why would looking back while plowing make someone unfit for the task?
- What does Jesus’ warning about “looking back” reveal about the role our affections play in following Him?

Application Questions:

- Where do you most feel the tension between comfort and obedience in your life right now? What does that reveal about your expectations of following Jesus?
- What responsibilities or commitments in your life most compete with obedience to Christ? How can you keep those responsibilities from replacing your ultimate priority?
- Jesus says that no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. What are some “lesser loves” that can divide our hearts and distract us from wholehearted devotion to Him?



- Which of the three areas—expectations, priorities, or affections—do you most see out of alignment in your life right now? What would it look like to realign that area with Christ this week?
- If Jesus stood before you today and said, “Follow Me,” what would be hardest for you to surrender?

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that God would align our expectations so we are willing to follow Jesus even when it costs comfort or security.
- Pray that God would reorder our priorities so the work of His kingdom takes first place in our lives.
- Pray that God would reshape our affections so we love what Jesus loves and pursue His mission with undivided hearts.