

Following Jesus – Part I

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Lesson 1: _____ is the _____ of military recruiters (Mark 10:21; Luke 5:32, 9:23, 14:25-32).

Lesson 2: Getting _____ is _____, but following Jesus is hard (Matt 7:13-14; John 6:28-29 cf. Matt 11:28-30, Acts 15:10, Gal 5:1).

Lesson 3: To follow Jesus would you forsake (Part I) _____
_____ (Luke 9:57-58; Matt 8:16). (*NOTE: We'll cover Parts II and III next week.*)

Lesson 4: _____ what each person must sacrifice to follow Him (John 2:24).

Family Worship Guide

Memory Verses: Rom. 12:14-16

Day 1: Read Luke 9:57-62, 14:25-32 and discuss: In what way(s) is Jesus different than military recruiters? In what way(s) are some churches like military recruiters? Examine yourself. Why are you following Jesus? Consider the last time you shared the gospel with someone. Did you explain what it means to trust Christ and to follow him? Did you 'water it down' at all? ("it" = life as a disciple of Christ)

Day 2: Read Luke 9:57-62 and discuss: Explain the tension between belief as "easy" and following Jesus as "hard". What does "following Jesus" mean, practically? Identify 2-3 specific examples from the last few days or week that demonstrate you follow Jesus, rather than this world and/or your own desires. Consider the people you know who are not yet believers. Why do they not follow Jesus?

Day 3: Read Luke 9:57-62 and discuss: How did Jesus respond to the man who said he would follow Him wherever he went? Why did Jesus respond this way? Examine yourself. Have you made rash vows to do something for the Lord, or to 'follow Jesus wherever He goes'? What desire(s) prompted your vow? Are you following Jesus now? Why? What specific things have you forsaken to follow Jesus? What - specifically - have you not yet forsaken in order to continue following Him?

Suggestions for Prayer

Pray for those who lead, feed, and care for the flock, and their families (Col. 4:3, 2 Thess. 3:1): Jim Donald & Randy Hanson

Pray for these church members / families: (1 Tim. 2:1, Eph. 6:18, Col. 1:9): Gwen Stephenson, Isaac Studt, Jesse & Mary Study, Carl & Audrey Templin, Ellie Templin

Pray for "kings" and those in authority (1 Tim. 2:2): Local: Woodland Mayor Will Finn; State: State Rep. Ed Orcutt; Nation: Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler

Pray for the Gospel to Spread Among All Peoples (Matt. 9:37-38): Those we directly support: Andy & Karina Smith (Uganda)
An Unreached People Group: Ghao-Xong, Eastern (Ethnic Religions, China)