

SHARING QUESTION:

- Share a recent event in your life that you have experienced as a result of following Jesus..

INTRODUCTION:

We've just finished our sermon series about the basics in Christian living, and we have learned a lot about what is expected from a person once he or she commits to follow and walk with Jesus. We came to a conclusion that the Five Basic Purposes of the Church or the Body of Christ; *Fellowship, Worship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism*, are all essentials and non-negotiable in our walk with Christ.

Many Christians fall into complacency and forget what it means to be a Christian. As a result, many believers lower their standards and expectations as to how to live as a follower of Christ. When standards and expectations are lowered, commitment also drops, and that will lead to living irresponsibly and eventually unfruitfulness. We don't want that! God certainly doesn't want that also!

Our name, "Christian" should reflect in the way we live our lives. We should not devalue the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the grace of God by not fully committing to live a life that honors Him. As God says in Revelations 3:11-12, He will spit out believers who won't give their 100% to Him.

TEXT TO READ: Luke 9:57-52

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, *"I will follow you wherever you go."* Jesus replied, *"Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

He said to another man, *"Follow me."* But he replied, *"Lord, first let me go and bury my father."* Jesus said to him, *"Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."*

Still another said, *"I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."* Jesus replied, *"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

REVIEW:

What's your takeaway from the sermon last Sunday?

ENGAGE::

- Share a thing or two that you have in your life right now, that's hindering you from totally giving your all to Christ.



HEAD LEVEL: *What does the Word say?*

1. According to the passage, what does the Son of Man lack?
2. What hindered the third man from following Jesus completely? (Luke 9:61)



HEART LEVEL: *What does the Word mean?*

1. What does it mean when we say, "following Jesus is more important than our personal comfort"?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."? (Luke 9:60)
3. Why do you think commitment to Christ is all or none at all?



HAND LEVEL: *What does the Word compel us to do?*

1. How are you currently dealing with sin issues? Do you try to hide it or confess it?
2. Do you have a favorite sin that you are struggling to let go?
3. What are the things that you think you need to give up so that you can follow God 100%?

MEMORY VERSE:

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