

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ME?

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Luke 9:57-62

### INTRODUCTION

PRINCIPLE #1: Truly following the Son of God requires a decision with eyes wide open.

#### ❶ CONTROL (Luke 9:57-58)

PRINCIPLE #2: Permanent discipleship implies struggle, warfare, surrender & flexibility.

• John 15:18-20

#### ❷ EXPECTATIONS (Luke 9:59-60)

PRINCIPLE #3: Beware not to let cultural expectations interfere with your duty to Christ.

PRINCIPLE #4: Reaching the lost is an urgent matter.

#### ❸ RELATIONSHIPS (Luke 9:61-62)

PRINCIPLE #5: Those who look back, want to go back.

• Luke 17:32

### SOUL SEARCHING TIME

▶ How serious am I about following Jesus Christ and signing up for “eyes wide open, count the cost discipleship”?

- I will memorize Luke 17:32 this week.
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing my life to follow Jesus today.
- I will accept the whenever, wherever, whatever challenge.



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**Lesson Aim:** *To discuss the call of Christ to radical discipleship and what that means for us today.*

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

**Ice-breaker:** To what extent will people go to follow a famous person/celebrity they admire?

1. **READ Luke 9:57-62.** What three responses were given to Jesus' invitation in this passage? What three responses did Jesus give?
2. What feelings do you have when you hear Jesus respond to these three people the way He does?
3. Look over your notes from Pastor Scott's Sunday message. Of the three key areas mentioned (Control, Expectations & Relationships), which do you struggle with the most to fully commit to Jesus? Why?

4. Now let's look at each of these areas more specifically. In what ways do we try to "control" our commitment to Christ?
5. Describe a time when you had to give up control of something (or someone) to really follow Christ. What enabled you to do it?
6. Do you know of anyone who ever had a collision of cultural/family expectations and the call of God? How did they respond?
7. What types of relationships weaken our commitment to Christ? What types of relationships strengthen our commitment to Christ?
8. What are some things you can do this summer to lean more into those human relationships that strengthen your relationship and commitment to Christ?

**Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.**

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