

THE GOSPEL

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First Thing First | Luke 9:57-62

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we looked at 3 short interactions that people had with Jesus. Each person wanted to follow Jesus in a particular way but Jesus called them to an entirely new perspective.

R E A D

Luke 9:57-62

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

Each of the three men say that they want to follow Jesus.

1) What does it mean to follow Jesus? What ideas, images, or descriptions come to mind when thinking about what being a follower means?

2) How do you understand the response of Jesus to each inquiry? Is Jesus being harsh and exclusive or is he revealing something else about the nature of following him? Two of the people speak their intent to follow Jesus and state, 'first let me...' then describe a responsibility they have that will delay their following.

3) Why does Jesus deal so directly with this 'first let me...' way of thinking in relation to being his follower?

4) What 'first let me...' things are in your heart when it comes to being responsive to Jesus?

R E S P O N D

Take time to reflect and meditate on what it truly means to be a follower or apprentice of Jesus.

Ask Jesus to reveal any 'first let me....' areas in our lives that are keeping us from being responsive to his invitations. him.

P R A Y

Pray for soft hearts to receive the invitations of Jesus.

Pray for courage to walk with Jesus into fullness of life.

