

THE PRICE TAG: Be Clear On The Costs

LUKE 9:57-62

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***Without Clarity on the Price Tag,
There's Confusion on the Payment.***

1. Sacrifice Creature **Comforts** (57-58).

2. Surrender Common **Cravings** (59-60).

3. Separate Confusing **Companionship** (61-62).

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"As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."⁵⁷ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

⁵⁸To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

⁵⁹And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶⁰Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."⁶¹ Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

(ESV).

Conclusion: The Only Way to Follow Jesus is All the Way!

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: www.centralchurch.com/groups

1. The first man who came to Jesus desired "creature comforts." So, Jesus explained that he had no bed, house, or comforts in His ministry. What "creature comforts" often keep you from following Christ more faithfully?
2. The second man would follow Jesus as long as the Lord allowed his pursuits to come first. Do you demand your will over the Lord's will? How can you cultivate submissiveness to the will of God?
3. The final man in this story is the one who puts his family and friends before Jesus. For him, these relationships distracted him from his kingdom calling. While our family is a blessing and responsibility, the family can also be a smoke shield to conceal our selfishness. What relationships are you tempted to put before Jesus as an excuse for not following the Lord and obeying his calling on your life?

Quote for the Week. . .

by Steve Lawson



"A life of resolve comes with a price tag. You will be tested by the lure of the world. But you must turn a deaf ear to the crowd and live instead for the approbation of Christ. There will always be a cross before a crown, sacrifice before success, and reproach before a reward. The call of discipleship will cost you popularity, possessions, and position. But God will use your commitment. The grace of God will be multiplied in you if you cultivate a fixed resolution to live for the glory of God."

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