

Questions, Quotes and Notes

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Luke 9:57-62: Picking Up Your Cross in Real Life

Pre-Sermon:

1. Read Luke 9:37-62
2. What stands out to you as you look at the way Jesus spoke to those three people in verses 57-62 about discipleship?

Sermon:

1. What are some reasons we are thinking about what it means to follow Jesus? (Hint: I gave three different reasons)
2. Where did we say discipleship begins and why?
3. What is one of the biggest mistakes we make about following Jesus right now?
4. What two things does Jesus make clear people have to know before we can talk about the practicalities of actually following Jesus?
5. In what way does Jesus say we have to imitate Him if we are going to be His disciple?
6. What are the four questions we need to answer as we think about denying ourselves and picking up our cross?
7. We primarily were talking about the last question today. How can I evaluate whether I understand what it means to follow Jesus? We gave three tests. What were they? (In other words, what do the three stories in verses 57-62 teach us about discipleship?)

Notes:

Jesus' call to follow Him is huge. If you really hear Jesus saying that you are to deny yourself and pick up your cross, it should cause you to ask some questions.

1. Why would I do that? (v.24-34)
2. How can I do that? (V.35-43)
3. What happens if I don't do that? (v.45-56)
4. How can I tell if I am actually doing that? (V.57-62)

I want us to look together at the three examples Jesus gives in verses 57-62 and give you three ways of evaluating whether you really understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus. It means what God is accomplishing through Jesus is going to have to be more important to you than:

1. What you want
2. What your culture wants
3. What your family wants

Cross References/Quotes:

1. "In the measure in which you and I are Christians we are in direct opposition to all the maxims which rule the world and make it a world. What we believe to be precious it regards as of no account. What we believe to be fundamental truth it passes by as of little importance. Much which we feel to be wrong it regards as good. Our jewels are its tinsel, and its jewels are our tinsel. We and it stand in diametrical opposition in thought about God, about self, about duty, about life, about death, about the future; and that opposition goes right down to the bottom of things." Alexander McClaren

After Sermon:

1. What was the message basically about?
2. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
3. What does Jesus say is discipleship 101? In other words, what is required if we are going to follow Him?
4. What specific ways did we see in our text today to evaluate whether or not we are willing to pick up our cross and follow Jesus?
5. Is there anything you need to repent of or believe as a result of what you heard today?
6. How can we pray for you as a result of this message?