



SERMON QUESTIONS

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Series: Marked

Sermon: Follow Me!

Luke 9:57-62

1. Pastor Robert asserts Luke 9:57-62 are not exchanges about salvation, coming to faith, but about discipleship. How do the preceding (Luke 9:51-52) and following (Luke 10:1) verses affirm this?
2. The first exchange, Luke 9:57-58, is someone who initiates the exchange with Jesus. According to the parallel passage of Matthew 8:18-19, this man was a scribe. What was a scribe's standard of living?
3. Why was this man's request inappropriate?
4. Summarize and put into other words Jesus' response to this first man.
5. In Luke 9:59-60, Jesus initiated the exchange with the second man. On first glance, this man's request seems reasonable. Explain how easily broadcasting a modern perception on an ancient event can cause interpretive errors. Now, explain why this second man's request, understood in historical context, was inappropriate. Also, explain the meaning of Jesus' response to him.
6. The exchange with the third man is recorded in Luke 9:61-62. Was this request inappropriate or, merely, potentially problematic? Read and correlate the Elijah and Elisha scenario in 1 Kings 19:19-21. What did Elisha do to ensure he would uphold his commitment/ calling?
7. Try to come up with a bottom line excuse for each of the three exchanges. Try to come up with Jesus' meaning of his warnings to each of these three men.
8. How common do you think these excuses are today? How can we help people get past these excuses? Finally, are any of these excuses in you when it comes to being committed to following Christ?
9. Two observations and questions. First, the text indicates that two of these men initiated the exchange with Jesus, while one was initiated by Jesus. What is the significance of this? Second, the text does not provide conclusions for any of the exchanges. We do not know any result. Why do you think the Holy Spirit did not provide these conclusions for the reader?