

## Learning to Follow Jesus: Unlearning

*Luke 9:51-62*

This week starts our Season of Seeking series in the gospel of Luke. Our desire is that over the next six weeks you would immerse yourself in this gospel and become fascinated with the teachings and the person of Jesus. In today's passage we will see that learning to follow Jesus at times will require unlearning some things. Jesus confronts the wrong thinking of his disciples as well as three potential disciples. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we allow Jesus to confront our own wrong assumptions and be open to the possibility that we too initially get much wrong about following Jesus. Let's see if we have any unlearning to do!

**Opening Discussion:** How are you feeling about this Season of Seeking?

**Read Luke 9:51-62**

1. What strikes you from this passage?
2. What is Luke saying when he says that Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem (v. 51)?
3. How would you describe James and John's mindset to the rebuff from the Samaritans? Why do you think they reacted so strongly? What did they need to unlearn?
4. In verses 56-62 Luke describes Jesus' interaction with three would-be disciples. What does each ask of Jesus? What specific misunderstanding did each have about following Jesus? And how does Jesus challenge each one to think differently about following him?

5. Each of these potential disciples had to unlearn some ideas they had about following Jesus. They wanted to follow, but with conditions. Do you have any conditions on your discipleship? In other words, is there any way in which you are saying to Jesus, "I will follow you, but \_\_\_\_\_?"
6. How would you summarize what Jesus is saying about what it takes to follow him as his disciple?

Steve said:

I think we need to realize that Jesus was doing these potential disciples and us a favor by telling us up front that following him will be costly. Jesus didn't use bait and switch methods, telling people, "Follow me and you'll have an easy life . . ." only to find out later that people would treat them the way they treated him. No, he told them straight up, "I'm going to Jerusalem to be crucified. If you want to come after me, you too will have to deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow me."

7. In what ways might it be costly in our day if we truly follow Jesus as his disciple?
8. What do you believe Jesus is asking of you at this moment in your discipleship journey?

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### Practicing the Rhythms of Rooted this Week

Daily Devotion | Prayer | Repentance | Sacrificial Generosity | Serve the Community | Share Your Story | Worship



**Daily Devotion:** Use the daily devotionals in the Season of Seeking Guide to continue to seek Jesus.



**Prayer:** The Season of Seeking Guide includes prayers that you can use to seek God each week.