

It Started with Twelve #6

The Priority of Discipleship

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 9:57-62

Sermon Outline

Discipleship Must Have...

1. Priority over Comfort and Convenience (v. 57-58)
2. Priority over Social and Family Obligations and Expectations (v. 59-60)
3. Priority over Life's Common Distractions (v. 61-62)

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of your priorities in your life? Can you honestly cite three important things in your life according to their priority?
2. Read Luke 9:57-62. In discipleship, there are three priorities that we should observe. Firstly, our walk with the Lord must have priority over comfort and convenience. What was Jesus' response to the first man's statement of enthusiasm in following Him (verse 58)? What did Jesus mean by His answer? Do you agree that many want to follow Him only when it is convenient? Could you give an example as how it could be true in your own life?
3. Verses 59-60 talk about discipleship taking priority over obligations and expectations. What did the second man want to do before following Jesus? What was Jesus' response? Jesus knew this man's heart. Maybe he was using his father as an excuse to delay following Jesus. How do our many social and family obligations and expectations keep us from making God our priority? Do they conflict with the will of God?
4. How can we make Jesus take precedence over our family, friends and work? How should our motives be aligned with our desire to put Him on top of our priorities?

5. Discipleship takes priority over the common distractions of life. What do verses 61 and 62 tell us about it? What did the third person want to do before following Jesus? What description did Jesus evoke to check the person's loyalties?
6. In your daily life, what distracts you from keeping up with your walk with the Lord? How do you think you can overcome them?
7. "God's concern is the state of your heart" is a very profound statement. It tells us that the Lord is concerned not about the number of kids you have, but the way you train them; not the number of times you come to church, but the lessons you walk away with. What is in your heart counts more! Examine your heart. Are your motives and everyday concerns aligned with God's?

Walk

Please evaluate your priorities. What would help bring to mind your faithfulness to Jesus Christ? In your life's schedule is it true that God is first, your family second, and your work third?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

- Pray for a deeper, more intimate, personal relationship with God.
- Pray for the concerns of each member of your group.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for all the students as the school-year comes to an end.
- Pray for a smooth transition to the new K-12 education program.
- Pray for Christian love, peace and goodwill to abound in our community.
- Pray for our missionaries: John and Diana-Lim Chhetri and son Sandesh.
- Pray for healing of Lucina Tan, EB, HT, PT, Ernesto Go, Harvey, Jacqueson, Zoe, REC, Benito Tan, Margarita Ong, Susie Yu, SL, Evelyn Yee, Segundo Yu, Nenita Ong.