

COMMITMENT MATTERS

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DISCUSS

As followers of Jesus Christ, we make commitments to Him. However, many of us struggle in keeping our spiritual commitments. Read Luke 9:57-62 and discuss the following factors that often hinder us from fully following Christ.

Hindrance #1: Discomforts (v. 57-58)

- What did the first person tell Jesus upon meeting Him while He and his disciples were journeying on the road? What was Jesus' response to him?
- Why did Jesus give him the kind of answer He gave instead of commending the man for his desire to follow Him?
- In your personal walk with Jesus, what discomforts and sacrifices do you have to make in order to follow Him?
- Is Christ worth your effort and discomfort? How can you cultivate the right attitude or mindset that is willing and ready to endure or persevere for the sake of Christ?

Hindrance #2: Delays (v. 59-60)

- What was the second person's response when Jesus told him to "Follow Me?" Was it a legitimate response or concern?
- What was Jesus' response to this man? Do you think He was encouraging the man to place little value on family obligations? Jesus knows the motives of everyone's heart. What do you think He saw in the motive of the heart of this person?
- Many followers of Jesus often delay or give excuses when asked to do something for God. Are you guilty of this? What reasons do you have for not immediately acting on what God asked of you?

Hindrance #3: Distractions (v.61-62)

- What was the response of the third person in regards to following Jesus? What's the meaning of Jesus' answer to this person?
- What is the biggest distraction that hinders you from your spiritual pursuits? What steps do you need to take to help keep your spiritual commitments?
- Some of the biggest distractions that make us lose focus on Jesus and hinder us from following Him are the people in our lives. How do your family, friends, colleagues/classmates, etc. distract you from fulfilling your commitments to Jesus? What are the challenges in dealing with distractions from your loved ones? Discuss biblical ways on how you can deal with this.

REFLECT

- Spiritual commitments are made not just to be SET, they are made to be MET. Which among the three hindrances do you identify with the most and find yourself struggling with? How would you guard yourself from these tendencies to improve our pursuit to follow Jesus?
- How much part of your life occupies God? Is He important enough that you will never put Him aside or be given little attention in your life? Do you see Him worthy of your sacrifices just as how He saw you as one worthy to die for?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, I must admit that I can identify with those three would-be followers in Luke 9:57-62. Thank You for bringing to my attention what might keep me from focusing on my walk with You. Forgive me, Lord, for the discomforts, delays, and distractions I allow to hinder me from completely honoring my commitment to You. Please give me a heart that would seek to live a life that is fully committed to putting You first because You are more worthy than anything else in this world. In Jesus' precious name I pray. Amen.