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Follow: The Person and Path of Jesus  
Luke 9:51-62

Introduction: "Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me."  
(Jesus' words from John 12:26)

1. Where is Jesus going? ( His path) – Luke 9:51-56  
"...Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem." (NIV)  
"...He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem." (NKJV)
2. What does it mean to follow Him there? ( Valuing His person)  
Luke 9:57-62  
(Verses 57, 59, 61 – 3 would be followers) "I will follow you...Follow Me...I will follow you, Lord"  
Verse 58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."  
Verse 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."  
Verse 62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

**Small Group & Personal Bible Study Lesson**

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**Memory Verse: Mark 8:35**

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it."

**Daily Reading Plan:**

- Day 1: Mark 8:34-38
- Day 2: John 12:23-26
- Day 3: Luke 9:57-62
- Day 4: Matthew 10:37-39
- Day 5: 1 Peter 2:21-25



**Lesson: Barriers to following Christ**

1. From Luke 9:57-62, what were the obstacles to following Christ? Do you think these two men had valid reasons for wanting to delay action in following Jesus?
2. Read the two stories of two men, both called by God and the reactions to that call. The first is the story of the Rich Young Ruler found in Luke 18:18-27. The second is the story of Elisha found in 1 Kings 19:15-21  
  
Compare these contrasting stories from the Bible. What is the difference between their two responses?
3. Which response (Rich Young Ruler or Elisha) best describes your willingness to follow Jesus?
4. What is thing you are finding it hardest to let go of in order to completely follow Jesus with your life?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:21. What does this verse teach us about following Jesus?