

## Radical

Luke 9:51-62

### 3. Don't look back. Following Jesus Christ means Total Dedication not a Half-Hearted commitment.

*Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family." 62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:61-62*  
*Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14*

### Count the cost of Not Following Jesus.

#### Give God Obedience, not Excuses.

### A. See Jesus Live Into His Mission.

#### 1. He moves with Determination and Courage.

*As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. Luke 9:51*

#### 2. He is not deterred by the Rejection of Others.

*And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. Luke 9:52-53*

#### 3. He is not deterred by the Misunderstanding of His Friends.

*When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village. Luke 9:54-56*  
*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2-3*

### B. Hear Jesus' Call To Radical Discipleship.

#### 1. Count the cost. Be willing to give up Earthly Security.

*As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Luke 9:57-58*

#### 2. Leave it behind. Put following Jesus ahead of All Other Loyalties.

*He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Luke 9:59-60*

## **Faith@Home**

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

### **Day One**

Read Luke 9:51-62

1. Jesus fulfilled His mission with determination and courage. What does this mean to you?
2. What do you think Jesus was saying to each of the three individuals in verses 57-62?
3. What is GOD saying to you through this passage?

### **Day Two**

Read Hebrews 12:1-3

1. Jesus kept his sights on “the joy set before Him” and thus was able to endure the cross. What do you think this meant for Him?
2. How do you keep your eyes “fixed on Jesus?” What does this mean in practical terms?
3. What’s the message of verse 3 and how will you live that out?

### **Day Three**

Read Matthew 10:17-30

1. Do you ever experience opposition or trouble from others because of your faith and your efforts to live out your faith ?
2. Why did people oppose Jesus? Why do many oppose Christians?
3. In what ways does this passage give you help and courage?

### **Day Four**

Read Philippians 3:7-16

1. What did it mean for Paul to “forget what is behind?” What would that look like for you?
2. What did Paul desire more than anything? What was he aiming for?
3. What is the desire of your heart? How could you be more focused in pursuing that?

### **Day Five**

Read Psalm 17

1. David, the author of this Psalm, was falsely accused and assaulted by his enemies. He protested his innocence and committed his case to the LORD. What grabs your attention in this Psalm?
2. What is his prayer in verses 8 & 9 and his comfort in verses 14 & 15?
3. Pray for our worship gathering on Sunday. Pray for changed lives and new steps of faith and obedience.