LIFE GROUPS

Sermon Notes



FOLLOW ME

Where did we ever get the idea that following Jesus would lead to a life of comfort and convenience? Jesus is like smelling salts to our lives of mediocrity, waking us up as He calls us to follow Him on an adventure that gives us a radical new priority, new identity and new affection.

Luke 9:23-24 - ²³ Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

1. Jesus sets a new priority for us, and it's costly

Luke 9:62 - Jesus replied, "No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

2. Jesus provides us with a new identity, and it's not all about me.

Luke 9:25 - What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?

3. It's love that has purchased us, and this higher **new affection** displaces any other affection that we might hold.

Luke 9:54-55 - "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

Questions

- 1. What is the priority in your life? (Business, Family, Comfort, Safety, Legacy)
- 2. How is Jesus' new priority costly for you?
- 3. How does your new identity influence your day-to-day decisions?
- 4. What has your new affection displaced in your life?

