

# SERMON NOTES

A STRANGE COST (LUKE 9:57-62)



## STRANGE STORIES, PECULIAR GLORIES

**BIG IDEA:** Following Jesus is free, but it will cost you everything

# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

How does the context of Luke 9, especially verses 21-27, help us understand the intensity of Jesus's statements in verses 57-62?

To the first would-be follower (57-58), why does Jesus respond, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head"? Why is the title "Son of Man" significant in this passage?

To the second would-be follower (59-60), why does Jesus respond, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God"?

To the third would-be follower (61-62), why does Jesus respond, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God"?

## APPLY

In what ways do you see yourself more of a "fan" of Jesus rather than a "follower"?

Think of a time when you prioritized something over your commitment to Jesus. What was the result, and how might you approach a similar situation differently now?

Jesus asks for a radical commitment. What fears or reservations do you have about fully surrendering to His call?

How do your relationships (family, friends, etc.) impact your commitment to following Jesus? Are there relationships that might be hindering your walk with Christ?

## COMMIT

Identify one specific "right" or priority you need to surrender to follow Jesus more fully. What steps can you take this week to begin that process?