Wednesday Night Fellowship Discussion Guide 6/28/2023

Passage Summary

On Sunday, Aaron Good brought a challenge to us before our weather-proof-indoor picnic. Thanks Aaron!

As Luke traced the words and works of Christ, God used him to record a series of conversations with people thinking about discipleship.

Take a look at what Luke has recorded so far.

- From among His followers, Jesus selects his Apostles (Chap 6)
- Luke records the sermon on the mount (Chap 6)
- Jesus heals the Centurion's Servant from afar (Chap 7)
- He raises a widow's son (Chap 7)
- He speaks to and about John the Baptist (Chap 7)
- Jesus travels through cities and villages (Chap 8)
- He calms a storm, exercises demons, heals others (Chap 8)
- He sends out the twelve granting them power and authority (Chap 9)
- Jesus feeds the five thousand (Chap 9)
- In the small group, Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ (Chap 9)
- On two occasions, Jesus predicts his death (Chap 9)
- Jesus proclaims the need to 'take up your cross' (Chap 9)

As we approach Aaron's passage at the end of Luke 9 (the cost of following Jesus), realize what has recently happened. Jesus has rebuked the disciples on two occasions. 1) their argument about who is the greatest and 2) their inquiry about calling fire from heaven to burn up the Samaritan village.

Setting the Stage

Luke 9:57-62

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

61 Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Discussion Questions

- 1) From the review of the last four chapters, what are some examples where disciples misunderstand Jesus?
- 2) How did they treat Jesus before and after the event?
- 3) Verses 57-58 Do you think the person understood their pledge to Christ "I will follow you wherever you go"? Why/Why not?
- 4) Aaron reminded us about the conversation with the rich young ruler. What is Jesus's saying about wealth, riches, or even comfort, and what is the application?
- 5) Verses 59-60 Jesus initiates the conversation and tells him, "follow me". Can Jesus make that demand? Why or Why not? Is it fair?
- 6) Is this passage a prohibition of attending funerals, helping family, or looking for an inheritance? What do you think He is saying?
- 7) What does Jesus tell that follower to do?
- 8) Verses 61-62 Another initiates a commitment to Jesus. What is the condition? Does the followers request seem reasonable?
- 9) Is Jesus rejecting the man's offer? What is principle is He communicating? What is the application for you