



# GOING DEEPER

## Jesus is Better: Luke 9:57-62



Jesus is better than what this world offers us.

What is your favorite excuse for not doing something?

These verses address three potential disciples. The first encounter made a rash commitment and the man was reminded of the cost and lack of comfort with following Jesus. Those who follow Jesus may lack the comforts of home.

The second person is wanting to delay to bury his father. He didn't mean he needed to attend a funeral but that he wanted to wait until his father died, perhaps for an inheritance.

The third person just wanted to say good bye to his family. Jesus used a plowman as a wonderful illustration that after putting his hands to the plow, he cannot look back. So a disciple can't be looking back to his old life, old friends old habits and the past.

What feelings does it strike in us to hear Jesus' response to these three men?

Do we really expect that we will have to make such a radical commitment to follow Christ? Why or why not?

What are ways that we, as believers, choose comfort instead of a cross?

Invite a few individuals to share about ways that he/she has had to give up comfort to follow Christ

What are ways that we can choose to maintain the status quo instead of joining Christ in His mission?

What obligations do we see as more pressing than following Christ in His mission?

What conditions do we have a tendency to place on following Christ?

What are some practical ways we can devalue comfort and maintenance, and obtain an undivided heart? What is keeping us from doing this?

**Final Thoughts This Week on this Passage:** We have to realize in our lives that each of us have to count the costs, see that Jesus is better than what this world has to offer and He calls people today to still to follow him. Comfort is enticing and it can hinder our growth in Christ.

We live in a world where we can get easily overcommitted. We need to place the Lord first in each area and rearrange our calendars to reflect this.

We like to romanticize the past and the ways things used to be. Do you ever look to your past thinking it was better before following Christ?

What is God inviting you into through this passage? What do you feel like God has been saying to you through this scripture and this week's message?

**Notes and Reflections:**