

FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Ministry

THE JOY SET BEFORE YOU

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Introduction:



Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Forsake _____ for the _____
of following a _____.

◆ Forsake _____ for the _____ of
his _____ (9:51-56)

◆ Forsake _____ for the _____ of
his _____ (9:57-58)

◆ Forsake _____ for the _____ of
his _____ (9:59-60)

◆ Forsake _____ for the _____ of
his _____ (9:61-62)

Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Ask the Lord to search your heart to reveal any racial prejudice or other earthly judgments of other people. Identify how these types of judgments are incompatible with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Identify ways you can proactively move toward racial reconciliation in our community and country.
2. Are there any earthly comforts you have been protecting at the expense of following Jesus? Any sins that bring you pleasure that you are refusing to let go? Any good things that have become “god things” to you? Write out how Jesus provides better rest than those comforts.
3. What cultural pressures tempt you to delay following Jesus or proclaiming the kingdom of God? How can you see beyond those pressures to the greater joy of proclaiming the gospel wherever God has placed you?
4. Are there any earthly affections in your heart that are stronger than your affection for Christ? Identify how Jesus truly is greater and ask him to increase your longing for his Kingdom.

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 9:51 and Hebrews 12:1-2. What role did joy play in Jesus’ suffering? What role should joy play in our suffering?
2. Read Luke 9:51-54. Here we see the “earthly judgments” of racial prejudices at play. Why is racial prejudice and the gospel of Jesus Christ incompatible? What specific ways can we work to bring racial reconciliation through the gospel?
3. Read Luke 9:57-58. Jesus is warning this man that following him will result in rejection that includes the loss of earthly comfort. What comforts might we lose in the process of following Jesus? For each comfort identified, explain how Jesus provides better rest than that comfort.
4. Read Luke 9:59-60. This man is dealing with the normal pressures of family duty. What other cultural pressures might try to stand in the way of following Jesus in his mission (notice the command to “go proclaim...”)? How can we see through those pressures to the joy of participating in Christ’s mission?
5. Read Luke 9:61-62. This man had affections for his family that were standing in the way of following Jesus. What affections might you have to forsake in the process of following Jesus? How is the joy of Christ’s Kingdom better than your earthly affections?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.