



only for a season?

Why do followers give up?

1. Some followers give up because of an _____
_____. Luke 9:51-55

a. Always go to the _____.

2. Some followers give up because of a _____.
Luke 9:56-58

a. Elevate your love of _____.

3. Some followers give up because of a _____
_____. Luke 9:59-60

a. Act on your convictions _____.

4. Some followers give up because of a _____
_____. Luke 9:61-62

a. Believe with Christ there is a _____.

Take Home Truth

Those that _____ never go _____.

Today's Core Practice:

Giving Away My Life: I give away my life to fulfill God's purposes. (from Romans 12:1 & Matthew 28:19-20)



Deeper Connection Study

The disciples, along with anyone who wants to follow Jesus, learn that comfort and convenience have no place in one's commitment to following Jesus. The demands of discipleship are far greater than what people realize.

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Giving Away My Life.

Read Luke 9:51-62

1. What time marker does Luke include and why is this significant (v. 51)? What does it indicate about Jesus' agenda?
2. How is Jesus' unwelcomed entrance into Samaria (vv. 51-53) a stark contrast to the previous section about welcoming a child (vv. 46-48)? How did James and John share a misconception about authority and power (vv. 54-56)?
3. What excuses do people give for not wholeheartedly following Jesus (vv. 57-62)? On the surface, how legitimate are these excuses?
4. How is the way of discipleship difficult? Why is there no easy way to follow Jesus?
5. What does Jesus demand from his followers (cf. vv. 23-26)? Why do people bristle at the reality of Jesus making demands?
6. What does Jesus expect from you? How have you counted the costs of following Jesus? What are your priorities?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for Jesus' journey toward the cross. Ask God to help you wholeheartedly follow Jesus in every area of your life. Pray for a deep conviction to follow Christ and the endurance to stay committed to him.



Everyone journeys through different seasons over the course of their lifetime. There is the long season of going to school, having homework and taking tests.

Then there are those seasons of romance, which in some cases are shorter than others. Of course there are different seasons when it comes to work and family, and then eventually there is a season of aging. But what about faith and religion; do people go through seasons of believing and spirituality?

More than likely you can think of individuals who, if not yourself, had a season when they were "on fire" for God. During that period they read their Bible continually, they attended studies and were present every time the doors of the church were open. But in most cases that season ended and their faith was not as intense and vibrant. Why is that? Is a season of faith like the season of school where eventually the person graduates and moves on, or are there factors that cause that spiritual season to fade?

In this passage Luke provides four case studies of individuals whose season of faith was shortened. Each of them serve as a warning to those who are intent on making their season of faith last!

