

## Jesus Our Teacher: Follow Me

'In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.' **John 1:4**

'God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life.'  
**1 John 5:11-12**

So, again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.' **John 10:7-10**

### LIFE

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

**Luke 9:57-62**

#### I. The Enthusiastic Follower (vv. 57-58)

"I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "*Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head*" (vv. 58-59)

"To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world."

**1 Cor. 4:11-13**

#### II. The Preoccupied Follower (vv. 59-60)

He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "*Lord, first let me go and bury my father.*" Jesus said to him, "*Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God*".

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. **James 4:4**

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **John 2:15**

### III. The Hesitant Follower (61-62)

Still another said, *"I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family."* Jesus replied, *"No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God"*

*"So (Elijah) departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was ploughing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, 'Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then I will follow you.' And (Elijah) said to him, 'Go back again, for what have I done to you?' So (Elisha) returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people and they ate. Then (Elisha) arose and followed Elijah".*

**1 Kings 19:19-21**

*"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple."* **Luke 4:26**