

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: Mission 247

Passage: Luke 9:57-62 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Jesus consistently makes it clear that following Him is the embrace of His person and mission at the cost of all other allegiances.

I. Mission over Security (~~9:37-43~~) 9:57-58

- Following Jesus is not simply learning about and from Him.
- Following Jesus demands the embrace of a mission of risk and difficulty over earthly security and ease.
- Jesus is not calling believers to homelessness but to an “identification that is our defining priority.”

II. Mission over Family (~~9:43-45~~) 9:59-60

- Following Jesus demands a higher allegiance than even the most expected family obligation.
- This is similar to the way a married couple leaves parents to become devoted to each other.
- Jesus is not calling believers to abandon their family but to an “all consuming availability” to Him.

III. Mission over Memories (~~9:46-48~~) 9:61-62

- Following Jesus demands an undistracted dedication
- This is similar to soldiers who must remain engaged in urgency of the mission at hand.
- Jesus does not call believers to be aloof or disengaged but rather to avoid the pull of earthly attachments.

IV. Reminders for Oasis Church:

- Following Jesus, Reaching & Teaching, is risky and full of earthly and financial uncertainty.
- Following Jesus, Reaching & Teaching, is more important than any other competing opinions.
- Following Jesus, Reaching & Teaching, cannot chase what is in the past, successes or failures.