

The Kind of Follower Jesus Seeks

Matthew 8:18-22; Luke 9:61-62

Some critical presuppositions:

There are real _____ and _____ in following Jesus. Consider them before you _____!

If you're going to follow Jesus, it must be _____.

Truly following necessarily means _____.

There's a huge disparity between the relative _____ of a _____ and the expectations

Encounter #1

Scribe: *"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."*

Jesus: *"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

Jesus is seeking followers who will _____.

Following Jesus is more than a _____!

Encounter #2

'Another disciple': *"Lord, let me first go and bury my father."*

Jesus: *"Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."*

Jesus is seeking followers who will _____.

This isn't about a _____. It's about _____.

Encounter #3 (Luke 9:61-62)

'Another': *"I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."*

Jesus: *"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

Jesus is seeking followers who will _____ in following Him (potential or real).

This seems like a reasonable request. Why this response?

Those who _____ back want to _____ back. (J.C. Ryle)

Conclusion: What am I going to do with what I have heard today?

Commit to _____ ...

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