



Opening (5-7 minutes)

- Icebreaker Question: What is one comfort in your life (e.g., a possession, routine, or lifestyle choice) that you find difficult to give up? Why?

Scripture Reading

- Read Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 9:57-62 aloud as a group.

Discussion (30-40 minutes)

Understanding the Rich Young Ruler

- Why do you think Jesus responded by questioning the man's use of the term "good" (V. 18)? What might this reveal about Jesus' view of true goodness?
- The man appears to be moral in keeping the 10 commandments faithfully since his youth. Why do you think Jesus challenged him to sell everything he owned and follow Him? Was this about wealth alone, or something deeper?

The Cost of Discipleship

- In Luke 9:57-58, Jesus talks about having "nowhere to lay his head." What does this tell us about the personal comforts we might need to sacrifice to follow Jesus?
- In Luke 9:59-60, the second man wanted to bury his father first. Why do you think Jesus responded so firmly? How does this challenge our understanding of personal security?
- In Luke 9:61-62, the third man wanted to say

goodbye to his family. Why does Jesus emphasize not "looking back"? How do personal relationships sometimes compete with our commitment to Christ?

Application

- Which of these three areas (personal comfort, personal security, or personal relationships) do you struggle with most when it comes to considering giving something up for Jesus, and why?
- Jesus requires that He be our top priority. What are some practical ways we can evaluate whether Jesus is truly first in our lives? How can we reorder our priorities if needed?

Personal Reflection

- If Jesus were to ask you today, "Will you follow me?" what might He point out in your life as a barrier (e.g., comfort, financial priorities, or relationships)? How would you respond?
- How does this lesson challenge your view of success, security, and happiness? How will you encourage another group member to live with Jesus as their top priority?

Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

- Take a moment to thank God for help in surrendering our grip on personal comfort, security, and relationships, and leading us to follow Jesus more fully.



Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the week-end message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.