

## **Distractions That Keep Us From Following Jesus**

**(Luke 9:57-62)**

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

### **I. The Desire For Personal Comfort. (vv. 57-58).**

- A. Following Jesus means being a foreigner in this world.
- B. Following Jesus means self-denial & self-sacrifice.
- C. Following Jesus means being taken out of your comfort zone.

### **II. The Desire For Personal Riches. (59-60)**

- A. Following Jesus means letting go of earthly riches.

- B. Following Jesus means setting our thoughts on the things above.
- C. Following Jesus means placing more value on Jesus than anything else this world has to offer.

### **III. The Desire For Personal Relationship.**

- A. Following Jesus should be the most important priority in our lives.
- B. Following Jesus should be with a pure heart and intentions.
- C. Following Jesus deserves completed dedication not partial.