

SET HIS FACE

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BIG IDEA

Jesus calls us to count the cost and recognize that kingdom maturity is not done by addition, but by subtraction

KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:51-62

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Matt. 16:24-26; Luke 9:23-26; Gal 2:18-21; 1 Peter 2:20-25; Luke 14:25-35; Hebrews 12:1-3

RESOURCES

The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness by Timothy Keller

The Parables: Jewish Tradition and Christian Interpretation by Brad H. Young.

Baker Commentary Luke by Darrell L. Bock

The Churchbook: Matthew 13-28 by Fredrick Dale Bruner

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/luke-9-57-62/id1506039475?i=1000527312375>

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?

4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon, what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture, what stood out to you?

Jesus' comment to the follower emphasized that following Him will not afford an easy life, but rather one of personal sacrifice. Is personal sacrifice, inconvenience, and hardship holding you back from wholeheartedly following Jesus?

Jesus' comment to the second follower emphasized that following Him calls us to put aside our own plans and agendas. What are the plans or ideals that you have in your mind and are not willing to surrender?

Jesus' comment to the third follower emphasized that following Him calls us to full allegiance to His rule and authority. When have you looked back and questioned your allegiance?

Read Luke 9:23-26. Ask the Holy Spirit what He would want to say to you? What is He pressing on your heart?

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.