



Following Jesus

Luke 9:23-25

Purpose: To begin the new year with a commitment to follow Jesus every day.



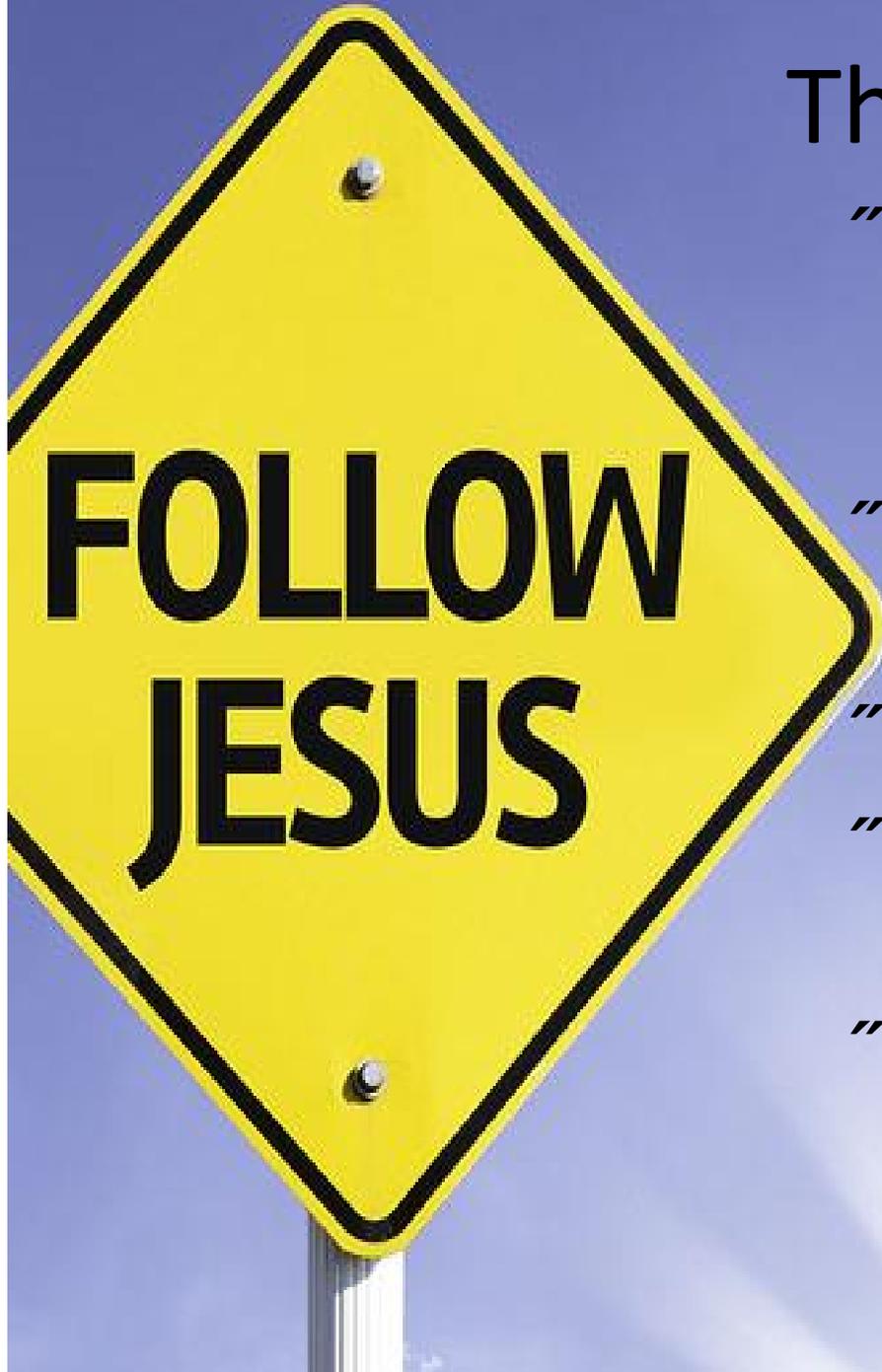
Introduction

“ Sometimes we fail to grasp the importance or the costs of becoming a Christian.

Jesus shows us in Luke 9:57-62 that some are not committed enough to follow.

The disciples of ease

- “ Luke 9:57-58. What are some issues to consider before following Jesus?
- “ Self-denial.
Luke 9:23-25.
- “ Family. Luke 14:26.
- “ Persecution.
Matt. 5:10-12.
- “ Suffering.
1 Pet. 4:16, 19.





The disciples of postponement

- “ Luke 9:59-60. What could be more important than a direct invitation from the Lord?
- “ They missed out on a great blessing. Also Luke 14:15-24.
- “ Procrastination will never lead to discipleship.



The disciples of divided allegiance

- “ Luke 9:61-62. Some will end up going back to the world.
- “ Lot’s wife looked back. Gen. 19:26.
- “ Keep your eyes on Jesus and help draw others to Him.



“ Luke 5:27-28.
Levi left
everything and
followed Jesus.

“ Are you
prepared today
to follow Jesus
no matter the
cost?

A true disciple will:

Have the right spirit

Not hold anything back

Not dictate terms of service and discipleship.