



Finally, Follow!

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Ice Breaker:

What's the thing you talk to people about the most and why?

Understanding the Context:

Take a moment to read Luke 9:57-58. Why does Jesus contrast His life with foxes and birds in this text? What is He trying to say about following after Him?

Read Luke 9:59-62. According to scholars, when the man asked to bury his father, he was not declaring his father had just died, but requesting that Jesus would permit him to care for his father until he died. Knowing this, why do we see Jesus challenging his request?

Connecting to the Gospel:

Read John 4:26-30. How should our response to Jesus and his call be like the woman at the well?

Living out the Truth:

Jesus' disciples mistakenly expected power and victory in their future. As a follower of Jesus, do you expect comfort, acceptance, or approval from the world?

Read 1 Peter 3:15. If you never spoke about Jesus, would anyone around you know you are a follower of Him?

Accountability:

What about your life makes you "weird" to those you live, work, and play with? What degree of tension do you feel as an exile?

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Parenting Moment:

Read Luke 9:57-62 and Hebrews 12:1-2 together as a family. Ask your child(ren): What are some things that can distract us from following Jesus? Then, talk as a family about how you can keep your focus on Jesus and make Him the priority in your home. Pray together, asking God for strength and daily commitment to live this out.