

# Getting Our Ducks In A Row

Luke 9:57-62

# On The Job Training

- <sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."  
<sup>58</sup> 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."  
<sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."  
<sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."  
<sup>61</sup> Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."  
<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." – Luke 9:57-62

# Some People Are Impulsive

- "I will follow you wherever you go." v.57
- Jesus' Response – "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." v.58
- Remember Peter? Luke 22:33 "Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."
- Remember Thomas? John 11:16 – "So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

# Some People Are Procrastinators

- “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” v.59
- Jesus Response – “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” v.60
- Not Peter, Andrew, James and John!  
–Matthew 4:18-22

# Some People Are Wavering

- “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” v.61
- Jesus Response – “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” v.62
- How long does it take to say good-bye?
- How long does it take to get fixin’ to, get ready to, start to, live the Christian life?

# Discipleship In Plain English

- <sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." – Luke 14:25-33