

## Palm Sunday: No Holding Back, No Looking Back

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus calls us not just to **receive** the message of self-sacrifice but to **embody** it. He calls his followers not only to accept him as **Savior** but also as **Lord**.

3 Things to consider:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 57-58)

“Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: ‘ye were bought at a price,’ and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the incarnation of God.” -Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

**Challenge:**

2. Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ culture (verses 59-60)

**Challenge:**

3. Waiving all \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 61-62)

**Challenge:**

Conclusion:

Jesus is Lord of all, no holding back, no looking back.

## Life Group Questions

**This week, before you go to your Life Group:**

Review Sunday’s teaching. Write down all of your observations, questions and comments.

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

Is there someone who you have followed closely, that has greatly impacted how you live your life (a parent, professor, celebrity, author, etc)? What made that person worthy of your devotion?

Read Luke 14:25-33. Does Jesus really want us to hate our family and our own lives? What does he mean by the statement in verse 26? What does it mean to bear our own cross (verse 27)? Have you ever considered what following Jesus costs? What kinds of things did you come up with? How have you seen this sacrifice in your own life?

Read Luke 9:57-62. For each of the potential followers of Jesus, what are the obstacles to full commitment? Why do you think Jesus doesn’t make it sound easier to follow him? Which of the 3 scenarios do you most easily relate to? Why? What does this passage say about what the priorities of a disciple should be? Is it worth it to follow Jesus with the high cost involved? Why or why not?

What are some of the common things, in our culture, that people find it difficult to sacrifice for Jesus? Why do you think it is so hard for us to give up some of these things?

Is there an area of your life in which you find it a challenge to sacrifice everything to Jesus and follow him as Lord? What is one step that you can take to trust Jesus as Lord in this area?

Pray for one another in response to what you have shared. As we approach Easter, we encourage everyone to invite at least 1 person who doesn’t know Jesus to our Easter Sunday outreach. What are the names of those you will commit to inviting? Pray that God would reach many people this weekend!