

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Luke 9:59-60

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **DAY 1**

Read Luke 9:59-60

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

⁵⁹ And He said to another,

“Follow Me.”

But he said,

 “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ But He said to him,

“Allow the dead to bury their own dead;

 but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.”

1. Read the surrounding context of Luke 9:57-62. What are the major themes of this section?
2. What word or words are repeated numerous times in this passage? How does that tell us about the emphasis of this passage?
3. What command does Jesus give in v. 59?

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4. In saying “follow me,” what is Jesus commanding this man to do? What does it mean to follow him?

5. How is Christ still giving this command today? What means does he use to command people to follow him?

❖ **DAY 2**

Read Luke 9:59-60 again.

6. What is the man’s response to Jesus’s command to follow Him?

7. At the beginning of his response, what word does the man use to address Jesus?

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8. What does the use of that word tell us about how this man sees Jesus?
9. Is the man outright refusing to follow Jesus? Is it a bad desire for this man to wish to bury his father?
10. What does the word “first” tell us about this man’s priorities?
11. What is the root problem behind the man’s response to Jesus’ command?
12. How do people today respond to Jesus in a similar way? What excuses do they give?

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13. In what ways have you responded to Jesus' commands like this man in the past?

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Luke 9:59-60 again.

14. In what ways do the Scriptures use the word 'dead?' Are there other uses besides physical death? List some Scriptures that use 'dead' in this way.

15. In Romans 6 and 7, what does it mean that we are 'dead' to sin and 'dead' to the law?

16. Given this knowledge, how might we interpret Jesus's statement in v. 60?

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17. How are Jesus's words to this man reconciled with commands to honor our father and mother?

18. What does Jesus command us to do instead in v. 60?

19. What does it mean to proclaim, "the kingdom of God?" What message must we proclaim?

20. Read Luke 4:42-43. What is the reason Jesus was sent into the world? How is this connected to our Luke 9 passage?

21. How do these two passages work together to highlight the priority of gospel proclamation in our lives?

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22. Honestly assess your adherence to this command of Jesus Christ. In what ways are you proclaiming the kingdom of God to unbelievers? Where have you hesitated to obey Christ in proclaiming the gospel?

This week, pray that the Holy Spirit would impress the need for Gospel proclamation upon our hearts. Pray that God would grow your heart and burden for the lost, along with a passion to see people trust Christ as Lord and Savior. Consider how you might begin to share the gospel with a family member, friend, or someone else in your life who is not saved.