

The Gospel of **LUKE**



Chapter 9:46-62
Following Jesus

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⁴⁶ Then his disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus knew their thoughts, so he brought a little child to his side. ⁴⁸ Then he said to them, “Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me also welcomes my Father who sent me. Whoever is the least among you is the greatest.”



DISCIPLESHIP IS A CALL TO INTENTIONAL HUMILITY AND VULNERABILITY



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⁴⁹ John said to Jesus, “Master, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he isn’t in our group.” ⁵⁰ But Jesus said, “Don’t stop him! Anyone who is not against you is for you.”

DISCIPLESHIP DOESN'T CLAIM SUPERIOR EXCLUSIVITY



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⁵¹ As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.⁵² He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival. ⁵³ But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?”

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⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. [And he said, “You don’t realize what your hearts are like.

⁵⁶ For the Son of Man has not come to destroy people’s lives, but to save them.”] So they went on to another village.

**DISCIPLESHIP IS ABOUT HELPING
PEOPLE, NOT CONDEMNING THEM**



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⁵⁷ As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ He said to another person, “Come, follow me.” The man agreed, but he said, “Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.”

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⁶⁰ But Jesus told him, “Let the [spiritually] dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.”⁶¹ Another said, “Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.”⁶² But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”

DISCIPLESHIP MAY COST US OUR TEMPORAL COMFORT AND SECURITY



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