

# “The Call to Discipleship”

Sermon

Luke 9:57-62

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## Congregational Study “Christian: Brand Recognition” (Week 1)

- 1) Jesus called us disciples.

In Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

*Acts 11:26c*

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master.” *Matthew 10:24-25*

- 2) Is it such a bad thing to follow?

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

*John 8:12*

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

*John 10:27*

“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”

*John 12:26*

*“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important.”*

— C. S. Lewis

- 3a) We are called to be disciples... wherever.

Someone said to [Jesus], “I will follow you wherever you go.” 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.” *Luke 9:57b-58*

- 3b) We are called to be disciples... whenever.

To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” *Luke 9:59*

- 3c) We are called to be disciples... through whatever.

Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” *Luke 9:61*