



Kingdom Call – Commitment

“Maybe” – that is probably the favourite button of many to click on Facebook invites to events. For many people, they want to keep their options open instead of committing to go to an event. By doing it this way, if there is a better or more appealing event, they could go to that instead. They don’t want to miss out on this better event by committing to a prior event.

This way of thinking permeates all parts of our lives now. We are afraid of committing to something, in case something better comes along. Unfortunately, this includes our commitment to Jesus Christ. We enjoy going to church on Sundays and being part of the fellowship of the people of God, but when something more appealing/better comes along, we do not hesitate in making church or Jesus Christ a lesser priority.

However, Jesus calls his disciples to an absolute commitment to himself. Our focus in life is to follow the path of Jesus and making him the priority of our lives. Let us turn to Luke 9:57-62.

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- 1) Why do you think many people struggle to make commitments today? Do you have the same struggles?

Commitment to Christ

Read Luke 9:57-62

- 2) In v57, 59 and 61, we have a man who said to Jesus that they will follow him. What did they wanted to do first before following Jesus?
 - a. How did Jesus answer them in v58, 60 and 62?
- 3) What do you think is the connection between what the first man said (v57) and how Jesus answers him in v58?
- 4) What do you think Jesus meant by letting “the dead bury the dead” (v60) and “no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back...” (v62)?
- 5) Do you think committing to Jesus is easy or hard? Why? (cf. Matt 11:28-30, John 15:18-21)



- 6) In what way was Jesus himself committed to the path that he was supposed to take? (cf. Luke 9:51, Heb 12:2b)

- 7) What are some reasons that people give before they commit to following Jesus? What are yours?

- 8) How does a commitment to following Jesus look like in your workplace or classroom? Does it actually make a tangible difference in how you act?

- 9) What are some ways that you can help each other as a small group to commit to following Jesus together?

Jesus calls his disciples to commit to him and make him the focus of our lives. That is a tall order indeed. How could anyone demand such a high bar of anyone here on earth? However, if there is anyone in the whole universe that has the authority to do so, it is Jesus himself. He is God incarnate – who created and sustains the universe, and thus is king over all. What is even more astounding is the fact that this Jesus condescends to our level as a human being, died the death that we should have died, and rose again on the third day. He was utterly committed to his mission of the redemption of his people, that even though he knew he had to suffer an ignominious death on the cross, he still went ahead with it.

He has shown his utter commitment to us by redeeming us from our sins. The only appropriate response to what he has done is to commit our lives to him. That is Jesus' majestic instruction to us – to focus our lives upon him and make him the top priority. Our singular and focused commitment to Jesus Christ is completely counter-cultural. But it is this commitment to Jesus Christ that we are able to achieve something significant that will have everlasting impact on the lives of those around us.