

Wednesday

Read *Luke 9:57-58* Jesus warns followers

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you think Jesus wanted his followers to be homeless? Why?*
2. *How would you react if Jesus asked you to give up the life you're living now to follow him?*

Prayer Focus We've chosen to follow you but we don't always count the cost of being your disciple, Jesus. Show us that letting go of our old stuff frees us to follow you, full of faith and trust.

Thursday

Read *Luke 9:59-60* Jesus challenges followers

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Does it seem that Jesus wants to discourage us from following him? Why?*
2. *Have you ever felt led to take a path away from what was familiar? What was your experience?*

Prayer Focus Jesus, your life and death were all about giving everything for us. We are afraid of giving up our small portion to be your hands and feet on earth. Loosen our ties to old ways and show us again that we can rely on you.

Friday

Read *Luke 9:61-62* Jesus wants our eyes on him

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why does Jesus ask that we not look back? What does he require of us?*
2. *In your life this week, how will you ask Jesus to help you follow in faith each day? Are you ready to change for a future in Christ?*

Prayer Focus Blessed Jesus, show us a plan for facing the need to look back and yearn for other times. Turn our eyes and hearts to you. Keep us in the present. Make us ready to follow you right now, Redeemer.

Following Jesus Wherever He Leads

Pastor's message: Oct 3, 2021; Exodus 16:1-8 & Luke 9:57-62 Following Jesus requires us to look forward – we can't follow if we are looking back.

Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What is the last thing, large or small, that you complained about? Why?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: *Exodus 16:1-8 & Luke 9:57-62*

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



FOLLOWING JESUS WHEREVER HE LEADS

October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday

Monday

Read Exodus 16:1-3 *The people complain to Moses*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why did the people think it was better to die than follow Moses to the promised land?*
2. *Do you ever wish you could go back to a time before God began to lead you? Were things better back then?*

Prayer Focus It can be easy for us to fall back on memories of how things used to be, Great God. We want to recreate the good times, forget the bad times, and not see the reality of today. Yet you are going ahead of us. If we don't keep our eyes on you, we may get very lost. Keep us awake. Keep us close.

Tuesday

Read Exodus 16:4-8 *God provides for the people*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you think Moses and Aaron were good leaders? Why?*
2. *How has God provided for you this past year? Give thanks to God for being a promise keeper.*

Prayer Focus Creator God, thank you for all you have done for us. Let our questions for today be: "What are you doing in the world right now? What are you doing in us today?" Help us trust you to provide for all we need.

