

1. Have you ever been without proper identification when you needed it to prove you were who you claimed to be? Have you ever been denied access because you lacked proper identification? What are the identifiable marks of a genuine follower of Christ?

You are unfit to follow until you want him more than comfort. (v.18-20)

2. Why did Jesus draw a crowd wherever he went? Why did he intentionally reduce the size of the crowd with his high demands? Does a large crowd gathered in the name of Jesus guarantee a large number of genuine followers of Christ? What are some of the reasons people who aren't genuine followers crowd together today in the name of Jesus?
3. The scribe was a teacher of the law who identified Jesus as 'teacher.' Do you have an appreciation for good bible teaching or even academic knowledge of God without a love for the Teacher?
4. The scribe seems to be an "over-promising, under-delivering" kind of guy. Can you identify with him? Have you made promises to God that you couldn't deliver on when you found out the cost?
5. When you present the gospel to an unbelieving friend are you tempted to truncate it to make it easier for a person to believe? Why is this dangerous?

You are unfit to follow until you want Jesus first. (v.21)

6. The second guy seems to be a procrastinator. Can you identify with him? Are their things Jesus has called you to leave but have been reluctant to give up?
7. What things compete with Jesus for first place in your life? Does Jesus come first in your schedule, spending, and serving? Is Jesus first in your relationships? Share practical things you do with your schedule to reserve first place for Jesus.
8. How does committing yourself to "work one/worship one" demonstrate Jesus has first place in your life? Do you believe serving Jesus in this way is too much to ask?

You are unfit to follow until you admit you are spiritually dead and want to be made spiritually alive. (v.22)

9. Read Luke 14:25-31. Can you be a disciple if you are not willing to pay the price? Have you calculated the cost of following Jesus?
10. Read Romans 6:6-12. Are spiritually dead people interested in following Jesus? How concerned are spiritually alive people with worldly things? Are you spiritually alive?

Additional Scripture

- Luke 9:61-62
- John 6:66-69
- Luke 14:25-31
- Exodus 8:25-28

SMALL GROUP PULPIT CURRICULUM

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- 2Cor. 13:5-7
 - Matt. 7:13-23
 - Titus 1:16

