

Sermon Guide

Luke 9:37-62



▶ While three of Jesus' disciples witness the glory of Jesus on the mountaintop during the Transfiguration, the remaining nine disciples find themselves amongst the crowd, unable to cast out an evil spirit from a young boy. When has a mountaintop experience in your life been followed by a valley experience? How did you cope?

▶ Where do you learn more—during spiritual highs or

lows?

Read [Luke 9:37-62](#)

1. While the three disciples were up on the mountain, what problem were the other nine having? How did they deal with it? (See [Mark 9:14-29](#))
2. In verses 46-50, how are the disciples gauging “greatness”? How does Jesus do so? (see also [Phil 2:1-11](#)). Why does Jesus use the child as an object lesson on true greatness in the kingdom?
3. How does Jesus respond to the excuses offered by the three men (vv. 57,59,61)? In your own words, what do each of Jesus' sayings mean? What do his responses teach about discipleship?

GROW



▶ As evidenced by Luke 9:57-62, the cost of following Jesus is high. The three men allow comfort, social obligations, and family concerns to get in the way of their discipleship. What priorities are getting in the way of your discipleship? Is Jesus calling you to sacrifice anything in order to follow Him more closely?

GLORIFY

- While the cost of following Christ is high, the reward of knowing our Savior far outweighs all else. As Paul states in [Philippians 3:8-9](#), “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him...” Spend some time in prayer reaffirming your commitment to follow Jesus, and ask the Lord to reveal anything that is hindering this commitment. After this, listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to [“I Will Follow”](#) by Jon Guerra.