CHEAP TALK AND LAME EXCUSES

Luke 9:57-62

Introduction:_____

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Notice a couple of conclusions from text:

I. FIRST, THERE ARE MANY WHO THINK THAT FOLLOWING JESUS IS IMPORTANT _____ _____ THE _____ IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE.

A. Notice this first person thought that following Jesus was important, but not important as _____ _____(9:57-58).

A. Note the second man thought that following Jesus was important, but not more important than _____ _____ (9:59-60).

1. First, note the lame _____ or request of this man (9:59).

2. Secondly, note the loaded _____ or response of Jesus (9:60).

B. Consider how the third man thought that following Jesus was important, but not more important than letting go of _____ _____ (9:61-62).

1. First, consider this man's lame excuse or _____ (9:61).

2. Secondly, consider the loaded explanation or _____ of Jesus (9:62).

II. SECONDLY, FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT JUST AN IMPORTANT THING, ____ _____ THE _____ IMPORTANT THING.

Making our commitment to Christ as the most important thing in life means several things:

A. First, committing to the Lord Jesus Christ cannot be based on an _____ experience.

B. Secondly, committing to the Lord Jesus cannot be _____—whenever-you-find-time matter.

C. Thirdly, committing to Christ cannot be a _____ in life that you can put behind you someday.

CONCLUSION: This kind of decisiveness to follow Christ has a way of reordering our priorities and decisions in life:

* Where will your Bible be this next week.
* How will you respond when someone ask if you are a Christian?
* How will you handle temptations, trials as they relate to integrity, purity and humility?
* What part will the Lord play in making decisions?
* OR, closer to home, where will you be at 5 PM in our evening service? OR where will you be when it Wednesday night comes?