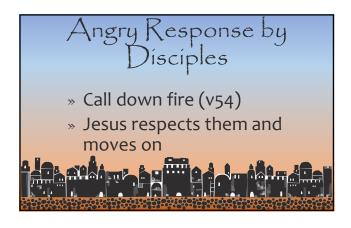


Offer of Friendship (v52)

- » Rejected most likely a rude response
- » Jesus seen as an enemy (v53)

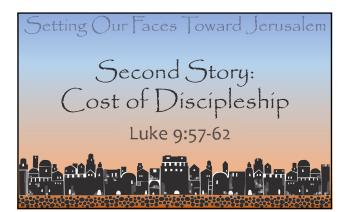


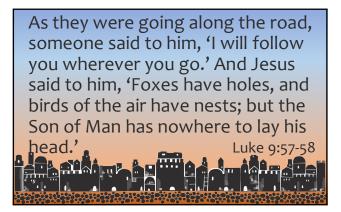


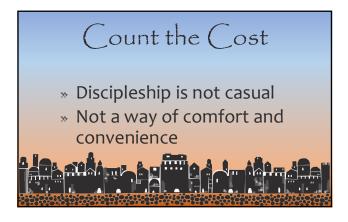
Tolerance & Patience

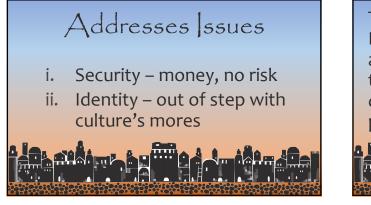
- » Jesus extends friendship
- » Rejected but simply moves on
- » No angry grudges/ no resentment





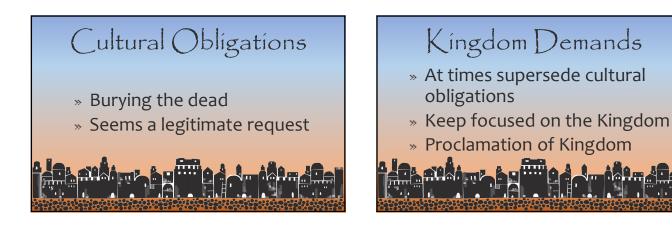


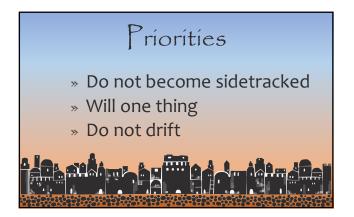




To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'







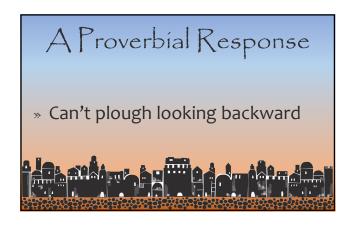
Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



A Delayed Response

- » Putting off the decision to follow Jesus
- » A reasonable request (v61)





Called to Go Forward

- » Full commitment needed
- » A radical response is needed
- » Respond to the call / no putting it off



The Christian marches on, not to the sunset, but to the dawn. The watchword of the kingdom is not, "Backwards!" but, "Forwards!" To this man Jesus did not say either, "Follow!" or, "Return!" he said,



