

What sort of things hold people back from commitment to Jesus today?

What right does Jesus have to expect such radical commitment?

In pairs, discuss...

If Jesus spoke to you, what might he say is more important to you than him?

If you are a Christian...

What has it cost you so far to follow Jesus?

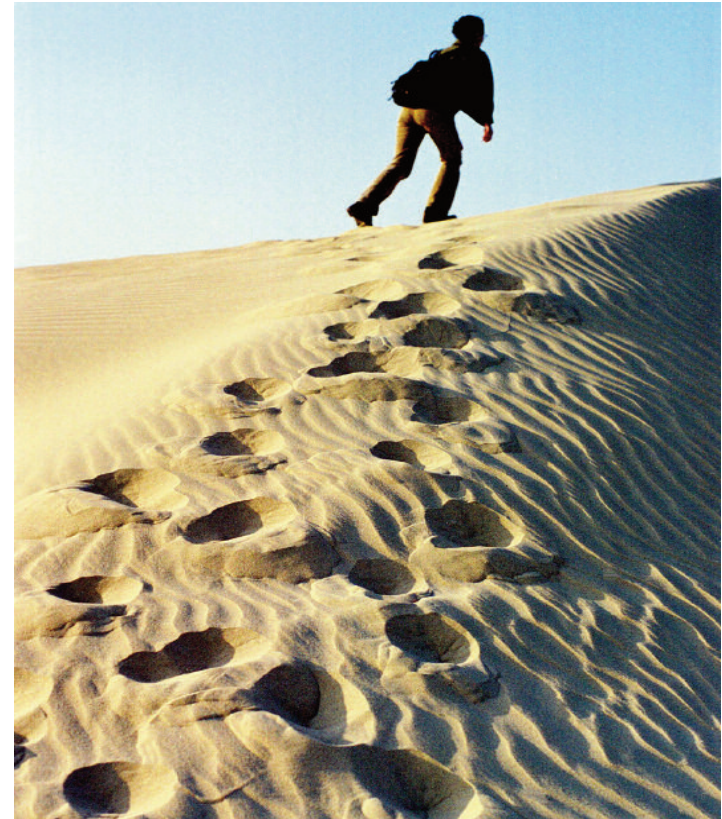
If you are not a Christian...

Ask someone you know who is a Christian, why they decided to follow Jesus.

Pray

Ask God to give you a heart that sees the value of following Jesus before everything else, and is ready to accept the cost.

following the king



Luke's story of Jesus chapter 9:46-62



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What we give our time and attention to reveals our priorities in life.
Rank the following in order of what is most important to you, then share your top (and bottom) priorities!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> academic results | <input type="checkbox"/> looking good | <input type="checkbox"/> God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> career | <input type="checkbox"/> boy/girlfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> friends | <input type="checkbox"/> part-time job | <input type="checkbox"/> getting PR |

The story so far...

We have been reading through Luke's account of Jesus. So far, we have seen Jesus' teachings and his miracles amaze everyone. Many people love Jesus and are ready to follow him. But others are jealous of Jesus and do not like him or his teaching. Jesus admitted that he is God's chosen king, and 3 of his followers saw his glory on the mountain top. But the path ahead for him (and his followers) will involve betrayal, suffering, even death.

True greatness

Read **Luke 9:46-50**.

How do Jesus' disciples get it wrong here?

How does Jesus correct them?

v.46-48

v.49-50

On the way to Jerusalem

Read **Luke 9:51-56**.

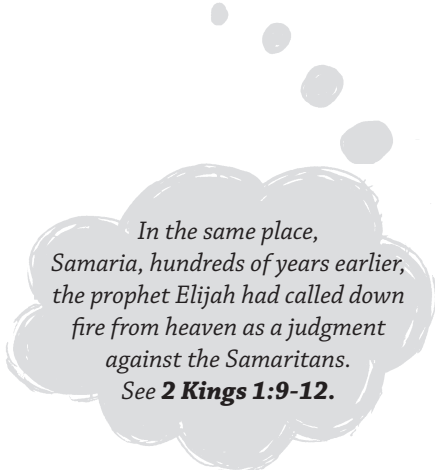
Are there any difficult words here?

Jesus now begins his journey to Jerusalem (v.51).
What lies ahead for him there? (see Luke 9:31, 44)



*Jerusalem was about a 3-day journey away from Galilee, going through Samaria. But Jews and Samaritans did not like each other (see **John 4:9**). Jews saw Samaritans as unfaithful to the nation of Israel, and Samaritans did not like religious Jews heading down to Jerusalem through their land...*

How do James and John get it wrong here?





3 "would-be" followers


Read **Luke 9:57-62**.

Are there any difficult words here?

How does Jesus challenge these three people's ideas of what following him will mean?

 **1.** (v.57-58)

 **2.** (v.59-60)

 **3.** (v.61-62)

