

Journey – Following Jesus
“Doubt and the Cost of Following”

Main Idea: Because Jesus is the Messiah and there is no one else, it is worth it for us to give up everything, even our lives, for the sake of following Him.

- I. John’s question (Luke 7:18-20)
 - A. A shocking question motivated by John’s doubt about Jesus’ identity
 - B. Doubt happened to John, and it can happen to any of us
- II. Jesus’ Response (Luke 7:21-22)
 - A. Jesus demonstrates His power
 - B. Jesus says He is the one to come, but John is still going to die
- III. A Challenge for Us (Luke 7:23)
 - A. Following Jesus will be difficult, but if we continue following Him and don’t stumble on account of Him, we will be blessed
 - B. Two reasons to follow Jesus despite the cost
 1. Jesus already paid a greater cost to rescue us
 2. It will be worth it in the end

Discussion Questions:

- How do you typically respond when you face moments of doubt in relation to God? What can we do as a group to encourage one another to bring our doubts to Jesus?
- How do you think John felt when he got the response from Jesus? How do you think you would have responded if you were in his place?
- What are the areas of your life where you face the most temptation to stumble on account of Jesus? What about these areas of life make the temptation you face there especially difficult? How can your group support you as you face these temptations?
- Which of the 2 reasons given in the sermon to follow Jesus despite the cost resonate more strongly with you? Can you think of any other reasons that we should follow Jesus despite the cost?