Session 3: A Life That Stands Firm

GOALS

Main Idea: True commitment to God's kingdom requires prioritizing Him above comfort, convenience, and other peoples' opinions.

Head Change: To shift your mindset from passive or conditional faith to an all-in commitment to Christ which you prioritize His kingdom above comfort or convenience.

Heart Change: To inspire a deeper devotion to Christ, motivating you to wholeheartedly commit to His kingdom out of gratitude for His eternal faithfulness.

Life Change: To live with unwavering commitment to Christ, prioritizing His kingdom through active service, sacrifice, and a focus on eternal purpose over personal comfort or convenience.

OPEN

Choose one of the following questions to begin your discussion:

What is something in your life you're fully committed to doing? What motivates you in that commitment?

If you had to describe your faith as a type of sports fan (cultural, casual, or committed), which would it be? Why that type of fan?

WATCH

Watch session 3: "A Life That Stands Firm" (19 minutes).

I. Cultural, casual, and committed Christians reflect varying levels of dedication to Jesus and His kingdom.
II. Jesus challenges His followers to move beyond mere comfort and convenience.
III. True commitment requires putting God's kingdom above personal desires and delays.
IV. Looking back or seeking approval hinders kingdom usefulness.
V. Commitment to Jesus connects believers to their kingdom purpose and establishes their eternal impact.

DISCUSS

Discuss what you just watched by answering the following questions.

1. How does the comparison between the different types of sports fans help you understand the different levels of commitment to Christ?
2. Read Luke 9:57–58. How does Jesus' response to the "eager" follower challenge your understanding of the cost of discipleship?
3. Reflect on Luke 9:59–60. What does prioritizing the kingdom over personal obligations look like in your life?
4. Read Luke 9:61–62. How can seeking approval or looking back hinder your ability to fully commit to Christ?
5. What steps can you take this week to move from being a *casual* Christian to being a fully *committed* follower of Jesus?

REFLECT

Complete the following activities before watching the next session.

Read: Read Hebrews 12:25–28. How does understanding God's unshakable kingdom encourage you to remain committed to serving Him, even during life's challenges and disruptions?

Write: Think about what Jesus said to the three men who wanted to follow Him in Luke 9:57–62. Write down a brief summary of what Jesus said to each man.

Pray: Pray that God would empower you to be a fully committed follower of Jesus who is willing to give up comfort and you wherever the Master leads.