

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Luke 9:57-62; 14:25-35

Session Summary

In this passage, Jesus illustrates to those who wish to follow Him that a verbal claim of His lordship in their lives is not enough. Each time someone came to Jesus and pledged to follow Him, Jesus tested their commitment by communicating to them exactly what they were signing up for. He wanted to be abundantly clear: following Him would be the hardest thing they would ever have done. Jesus wanted to remind them that following Him wasn't just something that they could say—it included things that they must do. Following Him isn't just something we should wake up one sunny day and decide to do without first stopping to count the cost.

Conversation Questions

- Why isn't it enough to just claim Jesus as Lord of our lives without action?
- In what areas of our life have we not made Him Lord?
- How could following Jesus cost us something?
- Why is it worth following Jesus even if it means paying a cost?

Family Challenge

Discuss how your family could do a better job declaring Jesus as Lord over your lives. Using the space below, write down some specific actions to follow through based on each area:

School: _____

Work: _____

Sports/Activities: _____

Church: _____

Home: _____

Car: _____