

TURN THE CORNER TO WHAT'S AHEAD

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Pastor Dave describes his friend's GICOD method, or "Good Idea Cut Off Date." Think about one step of faith you've been deliberating in your life and pick a date to do it by.

BIG IDEA

The Lord wants you to keep your hand to the plow and keep moving forward.

SCRIPTURE

Read Luke 9:57-62 before and during your meeting

OPENER

What is your favorite excuse for not doing something?

QUESTIONS

- 1) Following Jesus is a commitment, not a convenience. Describe a time when you treated Jesus as a convenience. What made you realize you were doing so?
- 2) Following Jesus is also our first priority, not an afterthought. Jesus tells us to "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." What are you prioritizing over Jesus? Why do you think you are doing so?
- 3) Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). What can you do to make sure you're always looking forward as you serve Jesus?
- 4) Following Jesus can be difficult, but it is also rewarding. What has been difficult for you as you follow Jesus? What has been rewarding for you as you follow Jesus?
- 5) Jesus tells the story of the shepherd leaving the 99 sheep to find the 1 that was lost. God's mission for us, as we follow Jesus, is to search for the lost and help them find their way back to Jesus. Are you living out that mission right now? If so, what does that look like for you? If not, who is one person you can begin praying for that needs help finding their way back to God?
- 6) Where, in your life, have you been waiting to turn the corner, but you haven't made the commitment yet? What is stopping you from taking the next step? How can you make today the cutoff date?

TAKEAWAY

3 Important Lessons

- Following Jesus is a commitment, not a convenience.
- Following Jesus needs to be our first priority, not an afterthought.
- Following Jesus requires forward movement.

REFERENCES

Matthew 6:33

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- Read Hebrews 12:1-3. What are some weights that you need to lay aside to keep moving forward? What was the joy that was set before Jesus that helped him to endure the cross? How can looking to Jesus help us to keep going when times are hard, and keep us from growing weary or fainthearted?