

Putting Jesus First in a Me First Society

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Text: Luke 9:43b-62

'But Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' Luke 9:62

Introduction

There are really only a _____ options in life.

Is it _____ first?

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Jesus First

1. We _____ in a 'me first' society.

a. It is seen in our _____.

b. It is seen in our _____.

c. It is seen in our _____.

'Then an argument started among them about who would be the greatest of them.' Luke 9:46

2. We _____ as a 'me first' society.

a. When we think '_____ group' is the only group God is using or _____ use.

'John responded, 'Master we saw someone driving out demons in Your name, and we tried to stop him because he does not follow us.' *'Don't stop him,' Jesus told him, 'Because whoever is not against you is for you.'* Luke 9:49-50

b. When we lose heart and think _____ to those who are _____ receptive to the truth.

'When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, 'Lord, do You want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' *But He turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village.'* Luke 9:54-56

3. We even _____ with a 'me first' mentality.

a. What about my _____?

Jesus told him, 'Foxes have dens, and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.' Luke 9:58

b. What about my _____?

'But He told him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Luke 9:60

c. What about my _____?

'Another also said, 'I will follow You, Lord, but first let me go and say good-bye to those at my house.' Luke 9:61

Conclusion

1. We have to ask the question, _____ is first in our lives?

2. The _____ to that question will set the _____ of your life.

3. Will you _____ His call, or _____ to His call?

'He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything.' Colossians 1:17-18