

14th June Home Fellowship Group notes

The (un)common sense of following Jesus

Last week we began a three part series on the cost of following Jesus. We explored how following Jesus might cost us the earthly existence we think we should have, to embrace the existence in God's kingdom that has been prepared for us. The idea of the "(Un)common sense of following Jesus" is that sometimes following God will cost us "wisdom" in the eyes of the world. It may seem foolish, silly, or irrational, and yet it is the path that God leads us in at times. Are we willing to be "foolish" in the eyes of the world to embrace the "wisdom" of following Jesus?

1. What is a silly/foolish decision you have made in your life?
2. Read Luke 9:57-62 again. What stands out to you about the second man in the story?
3. How should we approach passages in Scripture when there isn't a clear interpretation?
4. This second man is perhaps having to choose between a "good" thing (burial of a family member) and a Godly thing (proclaiming the kingdom of God). With 1 Corinthians 1:17 in mind, how does following Jesus involve discerning between the "good" and the "Godly"?
5. There are many stories where people who followed God appeared to go against "common sense". Abraham moving at an old age (Genesis 12:1-4); Moses striking a rock to get water (Numbers 20:10-13); God reducing the size of Gideon's army (Judges 7:1-25). As well as the words of Jesus to bless those who persecute us and to love our enemy (Matthew 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:39). What can these stories teach us about following Jesus today?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18. Why is the cross "foolish" to some but "the power of God" to others? How can we live this out in our lives as we follow Jesus?