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Topic: The Cost of Following Christ
Text: Luke 9:57-62

1. Christianity has become an easy religion now because churches have allowed the world's philosophy to slowly creep in. Many think that as long as they believe in Jesus, they can live in the way that they want to because their sins have already been forgiven.

2. The first "would-be-follower" was a scribe who wanted to follow Jesus but Jesus saw the true condition of his heart. The scribe wanted to be associated with Jesus because he wanted honour, status and an easy life. But a true follower of Jesus must count the cost and be prepared for hardship. He must be prepared to give up the comforts of life and endure oppositions.

3. The second "would-be-follower" was invited by Jesus to follow Him. But he wanted to go back to bury his father first before following Jesus. This was an excuse because he prioritised something else before Jesus. A true follower will not let family relationship draw him back from following and serving God.

4. The third "would-be-follower" wanted to follow Jesus but he had worldly concerns in his head. So he needed more time to bid farewell to his family members. But a true follower must be committed to God without turning back.

When there is a clash of loyalty, God must be the Lord of our life.