

To Follow Forward - Pastor David Weinman

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Getting to know each other...(10)

1. How big a risk-taker are you? On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being Evel Knevil, how would you rate yourself and why?
2. Share with our group the account of one of the greatest risks you've ever taken.

Into the Bible...(25)

1. "It's so much better to follow a person than a map..." Comment please on the advantages...
2. In the 3 vignettes shared by Luke about the cost of following Jesus (vv. 57-62), the Master seems to be stiff-arming potential disciples. What might Jesus have been seeking to accomplish?
3. Analyze in detail Jesus' 3 responses to his potential disciples in vv. 58, 60, and 62, wrestling with their meaning in your own discipleship experience.

4. Quote from David's sermon: "...We who are older, with houses and kids and cars and whatnot have woven a blanket of 'meaning' around us that gives us warmth and security from many good things and good relationships- -but also serves to hold us in tight in what is actually a pretty small world." What might we do to actively expand our small, comfortable world?

5. *The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*(10:2) Security issues and prejudices against North Americans have decreased our ability to travel, especially as professional missionaries. But those same dangers increase our responsibility for behind-the-scenes responsibilities. How should those increased responsibilities impact our missionary intercession and giving?

Application...(15)

1. List ways your Life Group could continue to relate to Adam and Christy on an ongoing basis as they head out this Tuesday for Thailand. Is any member of your group willing to take up the torch and be their champion in your LG?
2. How might your "Hold the Ropes" participation draw you toward greater commitment to the fulfillment of the Great Commission? Is there a youth that you could pray for who you would especially like to see travel on one of the trips? This is a great opportunity to "ask the Lord of the harvest...to send out workers"!