

# Family Discussion

**Let the Dead Bury their Dead!**

# Listen for Excuses

Luke 9:57-62 (NIV) As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." <sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

# What do you think?

- Given Jesus' replies to the three would-be followers, what do you suppose their conflicting loyalties were?



# What do you think?

- Why did Jesus encourage the one man to place such little value on family responsibilities?



# What do you think?

- Why are there costs in following Jesus?



# What do you think?

- What would help you this week to remember your loyalty to Christ?

