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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 3, 26th June 2022

Presenter **Rev Phil Swain**

Focus Readings Luke 9:51-62

Message 10 minutes 2 seconds **“Will you follow me?”**

Discussion Starters

1. Do you think that Jesus was being too tough on those in our Bible reading who had excuses not to follow him?
2. How are you going balancing your family, work, rest, and faith? Which areas of your life are demanding most of your time and focus and which areas are suffering?
3. What could the church be doing to be more helpful in encouraging your “following Jesus”?
4. What can we learn from Jesus’ actions in the gospels that might inform how we relate or show love and care to our local community?

Lectionary readings for the day

2 Kings:2: 1-2, 6-14 Elijah departs, but God’s spirit comes upon Elisha in great power. The prophets are encouraged – the work of the Lord God of Israel will continue.

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 God’s power is in the service of God’s people in ways that the very creation respects. Deep waters are not an obstacle when God leads the people along. The creation respects its Creator.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 God has set us free in Christ. However, we are “free” not to do whatever we want but to be what God created us to be in the first place: people bearing bumper crops of spiritual fruit that nourish all around us.

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All Age Message: Max Day **“Follow the Leader ”**

Length 2 minute 20 seconds

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As Children we all played the game “Follow the Leader”. In today’s Bible reading Jesus is encouraging people to follow him, however there were a lot of excuses! Jesus shows us he is the best leader to follow.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, pages 303-304.

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