



# SUN GROVE CHURCH

## WHY A SERIES THROUGH ROMANS?

(Luke 9:57-62)

Luke reminded us that it is all about Jesus!

### The Enthusiastic Volunteer:

1. Jesus walks the way of sorrows: Are you willing to walk with him in that way?
  - a. Have you considered the cost of following Jesus?
  - b. Jesus fulfills his ministry through rejection & even sometimes humiliation.
  - c. True disciples consciously decide to follow a rejected leader.

### The Stalling Recruit:

2. Loyalty to Jesus and His kingdom is more important than loyalty to what is normal in your culture.
  - a. Cultural norms are not acceptable excuses for failure to follow Jesus as a disciple.
  - b. Followers of Jesus "participate in and proclaim" the kingdom of God. They are not spectators.

### The People-Pleasing Volunteer:

3. The approval of your family (if it conflicts with Jesus' authority) is a distraction to be avoided, if you're to be useful to God.
  - a. The call of the kingdom of God must take precedence over all other loyalties.
  - b. If you have divided loyalties, you are a disruptive force in the work of the kingdom & unfit for participating in it.
  - c. Following Jesus is not a feeling, nor intellectual insight; but is a strenuous, creative & consuming task like physical labor.
  - d. To serve/follow Jesus is to serve in the church, His bride, of which He is the leader.