

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Text - Luke 9: 57-62

- The Game as kids

- Picking a leader for our country

What We Need

- **A leader like Moses**

Who refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter....

- **Army generals like Joshua**

Who knew God and could pray and shout things to pass rather than blow them to pieces with atomic energy.

- **A Food Administrator like Joseph**

Who knew God and had the answer to Famine

- **A Preacher like Peter,**

Who was not afraid to look people in the eye and say, "Repent or perish"

- **Fathers like the Prodigal Son had**

Who will watch for their sons and welcome them back into their lives....

- **Mothers like Hannah**

Who would pray for a child that she might give him to God....

- **Children like Samuel**

Who would talk to God in the night hours

- **A Savior like Jesus**

Who can and will save from the uttermost to the uttermost

WHAT MAKES A LEADER A LEADER ??

1. **Harry Truman:** A leader is a person who has the ability to get others to do what they don't want to do, and to like it
2. **Howard Hendricks:** A leader is a person with a magnet in his heart and a compass in his head
3. **Peter Drucker:** A leader is someone who has followers
4. **John C. Maxwell:** Leadership is influence —nothing more, nothing less
5. **Leith Anderson:** Leadership is figuring out what needs to be done and then doing it
6. **J. Oswald Sanders:** Leadership is influence, the ability of one person to influence others
7. **A leader** inspires confidence through consistent character and competence
8. **A leader** is an ordinary person with extraordinary determination
9. **Dwight D Eisenhower:** Leadership: The art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

BUT WHAT SETS JESUS APART FROM ALL OTHER LEADERS?

- This whole chapter deals with the question of His leadership.

v. 1 -- 12 sent out

v. 9 -- Herod

v. 11 - People

v. 18 - Who do you say that I am

v. 35 - Confirmation from heaven

v. 38 - Father of the demon possessed son

v. 49 - Others using His name

v. 53 - Samaritan's not following Him

- **Now we come to v. 57 -----**

His credentials by today's standards do not make Him a leader:

. He was a member of a minority race, who at that time were an oppressed people.

. His native countrymen were under the rule of the Romans.

. Taxes were oppressive.

. They had no political freedom.

. He seemingly did nothing about these conditions.

. He came from the low-class uncultured people.

- . He was born of a peasant women.
- . His father was a common laborer.
- . He was uneducated.
- . He had no academic degrees or diplomas.
- . Poverty was His lot all of His life.
- . He never owned a home of His own.
- . Luke 9:58 Foxes have
- . He never married.
- . He was isolated from men of power and influence.
- . He never traveled 200 miles from the place he was born.
- . His own band of followers were ragged, rugged, unpolished losers.
- . He served other people all of His life, and received little thanks.
- . His friends let Him down and one of them even betrayed Him.
- . In the end He became the innocent victim of a massive injustice.
- . Instead of becoming bitter, cynical, angry, negative or a furious revolutionary, Jesus willingly died on a cross to pay the penalty for my rebellion against God.
- . As He drew His last breath he felt forsaken by God.
- . He had every reason to give up, but instead He changed the whole course of history.

Charles Lamb: If Alexander the Great, Charlemagne or Napoleon were to come into the room, we would all stand up out of respect. If Jesus Christ walked in, we would fall on our faces in adoration.

He saw possibilities in people.

- . Sick people were an opportunity to show the love of God
- . A coarse and tough Peter was a diamond in the rough
- . A cheap prostitute named Mary could learn real love.
- . A impossible crooked tax collector like Zaccheus could change.
- . A hardened cynical criminal in his death throbs discovered life.
- . A Roman commander declared truly this was the Son of God
- Who am I, what am I in the sight of His sovereignty and holiness?
- I am as much a loser as any of these that have gone before me.
- How I need guidance and leadership in my life
- One to show me what needs to be done and how to do it.

SO WHAT SET JESUS APART FROM OTHER LEADERS ?

L-E-A-D-E-R

- L-oving** Because He has made the way at such cost.
- E-ssential** I cannot do without Him
- A-bsolute** I must let Him lead altogether
- D-ivine** He knows the way
- E-xcellent** He excels all others, none compare to Him
- R-eady** He only becomes mine when I accept Him

- So How do you answer v. 20 ?