

A long, straight road with yellow double lines stretching into the distance, flanked by water. The road surface is marked with several dark footprints. The sky is bright and hazy, creating a sense of depth and perspective.

DISCIPLE

LUKE 9:57-62

THE MEANING

- The simplest meaning is a student:
- Discipleship was a common vocation in the first century (Lk. 5:33).
- A disciple felt and was held responsible for the actions of his teacher (Matt. 9:11).

IMITATION

- The goal of a disciple is to become like his teacher (Lk. 6:40).
- We want to be conformists (Rom. 8:29; cf. Rom. 12:1-2).
- It is not an easy thing to accomplish (Jn. 6:59-66).
- We must be disciples if we are going to be able to make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:6; 2 Thess. 3:7, 9).

THE COST

- Jesus never hid the cost of discipleship (Lk. 9:57-62).
- Many are shocked to find out how high the cost actually is (Lk. 14:26-33; 18:18-23).
- Some cry out that it shouldn't be so hard (cf. Matt. 11:28-30).