

# **“Foxes Have Holes”**

**Luke 9:57-58**

## **Introduction:**

- A. Jesus wanted this would-be disciple to balance his enthusiasm with reality.
  - 1. The man’s excellent proposal – “whithersoever thou goest.” (v. 57).
    - a. Must observe all (Matt. 28:20).
    - b. Must forsake all (Luke 14:33).
  - 2. The Lord’s reality check (v. 58).
    - a. Wanted man to see both crown and cross.
    - b. Good evangelism emphasizes sacrifice and duty along with blessings and rewards.
- B. Reasonable expectations of following Jesus “whithersoever” He goes.

## **Discussion:**

### **II. Adversities.**

- A. Physical hardships (Luke 9:58, 2 Cor. 11:24-28; 2 Tim. 3:12).
- B. Disappointment in brethren (Gal. 1:6; 3:1; 2 Tim. 4:10, 16).
- C. Factions that try our faith (1 Cor. 11:19).

### **III. Rewards.**

- A. Abundant life now (John 10:10).
  - 1. Freedom from guilt (Heb. 10:2,17; Col. 1:14; Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:9).
  - 2. Fellowship with God and his saints (1 John 1:3, 5-7).
  - 3. Children of God/ join-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17)
  - 4. Membership in the blood bought church (Acts 20:28; Heb 12:22-23).
  - 5. All spiritual blessings Christ (Eph. 1:3; cf. Gal. 3:27).
  - 6. God’s special providential care (Matt. 6:25-33).
  - 7. God’s protection (1 Pet. 3:12,13).
  - 8. Peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:6,7)
- B. Eternal life in “world to come” (Mark 10:30).
  - 1. Forever with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:17).
  - 2. Perpetual happiness (Rev. 21:4).

### **IV. Responsibilities.**

- A. To the Lord.
  - 1. Show our love by commandment keeping (John 14:15; 1 John 3:5).
  - 2. Worship and serve Him (Matt. 4:10).
- B. To ourselves.
  - 1. Work out our salvation through obedience (Phil. 2:12)
  - 2. Keep ourselves pure (1 Tim 5:22; 1 Cor. 9:27)
- C. To all men (Gal. 6:10).
- D. To the church.
  - 1. Join local church (Acts 9:26).
  - 2. Do share in building it up (Eph. 4:16 NKJ).

## **Conclusion:**

- A. The would-be disciple should not have let Lord’s reply dampen enthusiasm.
- B. We should gladly accept all that goes with discipleship – Adversity, Reward, Responsibility.