GRACE NOTES

Series: Baggage
Message: Travel Light
Scripture: Luke 12:22-34
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2017

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

"Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." (Luke 9:3-5)

Traveling light does indeed make us vulnerable and dependent.

Jesus calls us to trust Him enough to follow Him wherever He leads.

We want to follow Him, but we want to follow Him on our own terms.

we don't get to define what it means to be a follower.

[Other Scriptures Referenced: Luke 12:22-34; 9:23-26; 9:57-62; 10:41-42]

Study Notes --

When going on a trip, are you an under-packer or an over-packer? If married, are you and your spouse alike or different in this?

When (if ever) did you learn that you were not completely self-reliant, i.e., that you needed others and that you needed Jesus?

Thinking back to Sunday's message, what spoke to you, inspired you, encouraged you, challenged you, or confused you?

Read **Luke 9:3-5**.
No one likes to feel vulnerable and unprepared. Describe what thoughts might have gone through your head if Jesus had spoken these words to you?

What lesson might Jesus have wanted to teach the disciples through this experience?

Read **Luke 9:57-62**.
What is your initial reaction to these words of Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus challenged these would-be followers they way He did?

When we invite people to accept Jesus, how do we balance the simplicity of being saved by grace with the demands of discipleship?

As you consider traveling light, what baggage do you most need to lay aside?

How has this burden kept you from being content in your walk of faith?

Is the Lord calling you to something but you are resisting that call? How do you plan to respond to that call?

How can you help others to lay down their baggage/burdens?