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⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."..

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do) |
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In this week's gospel Jesus speaks about the dramatic implications of commitment to him. He also tells us that foxes have holes where they can lie down and rest, birds have their nests which they call home but we must always be searching for where he wants us to go. As we lay our hand to the plough we must not look back but go forward reaping as we sow. Are there times in our lives when we had laid our hand on the plough and got tired going forward feeling it would be easier to turn back? Who are the people who helped us to continue our work?

Prayer:

Lord thank you for the people who help us as we continue on our journey of commitment to you seeking where you want us to go and bring the good news to people.

Forgive us Lord for the times we lost patience with people who at times did not understand our mission and often disagreed with us.

Help us Lord to be straightforward like Jesus going about our duty of spreading His good news and if we are not welcomed just wipe the dust off our feet and go to the next village. Do not call down fire from heaven on them.