No Ifs, Ands, or Buts

Everything is set in motion when Peter declares that truth about Jesus (9:20). The disciples and others thought the glamour would lead to greatness for him and for them. But Christ's message takes an unexpected turn.

The Beginning—Luke 9:21-27

✳ No Ifs = certainty — The Son of Man must . . . (v.22)

Like Jesus, we surrender (deny), sacrifice (take up), and in step (follow) (v.23)

We believe yesterday, we decide today and we commit forever.

The Middle—Luke 9:43-50

✳ No Ands = Greatness — The least is the greatest. (v.48)

Listen, the Son of Man is going to be delivered

Greatness is not gracious; it is small and serving. (22:26)

The End—Luke 9:51-62

✳ No Buts = First — I will follow you, Lord but . . . Jesus shows us how to proceed; with resolve (v.51)

The cost of following Jesus . . .

Verse 58 — It is hard not glamorous

Verse 60 — More important than . . .

Verse 62 — No turning back

Is it worth the cost?!

Reflective Questions:

1) What is something you are willing to pay more for because it matters to you? Why?
2) Why does Jesus tell them these things now? What is he saying about following him?
3) What do verses 23, 48 and 62 tell us about the call of a disciple? How does this apply to your life?