“Foxes Have Holes”
Luke 9:57-58

Introduction:
A. Jesus wanted this would-be disciple to balance his enthusiasm with reality.
   a. Must observe all (Matt. 28:20).
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)
   5. All spiritual blessings Christ (Eph. 1:3; cf. Gal. 3:27).
   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.
   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.