

Series: The Jesus Way  
**THE JESUS WAY: ESCAPE**  
Luke 9:57-62; 1 Cor. 15:58

Escape what? Escape indifference!

How do refugees differ from regular citizens?

**1. The tragedy of refugees**

A. No resources

REFUGEE	HOST
Bankrupt	Solvent
Starving	Healthy/Strong
Camped on the outskirts	Farming in the heartland
Taking	Giving

B. No home

C. No hope

**2. Refugee mentality in the church: three would-be followers of Jesus Christ**

Luke 9:57-62

A. (v. 57) "Mr. Star-Gazer" (no Responsibilities)

No concept of the cost of discipleship, is infatuated with Christ

- Camped on the outskirts.
- No responsibility taken for his own support: food, shelter, etc.
  - a. enjoys what others provide. Not supporting the church financially
  - b. Little emotional or spiritual input. Non-involvement, observation, "in the audience"

B. (v. 59) "Mr. Temporary" (No home/roots) "I will follow when it's convenient."

- No commitment/accountability to Christ
- No commitment/accountability to the local congregation; the grass is always greener syndrome; church hopping

C. (v. 61) "Mr. Earthbound" (No vision)

- Tradition-bound
- Wishy-washy

**3. Jesus advised us to help turn refugees into settlers.**

You cannot build a nation from those with refugee mentality.

A. COUNT THE COST.

1. It will cost you to follow Christ. Luke 14:25-35
2. It will cost you to join the Church.

B. Commit when your heart moves you.

1. Build you own home in Christ on a permanent foundation.
2. Put down your roots in this congregation, for good.

C. Commit to God's leading into the future.

1. You cannot regain or recreate the past.
2. We must fix our eyes on Jesus Christ and follow wherever he leads.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Refugees can only long for the privileges of citizens