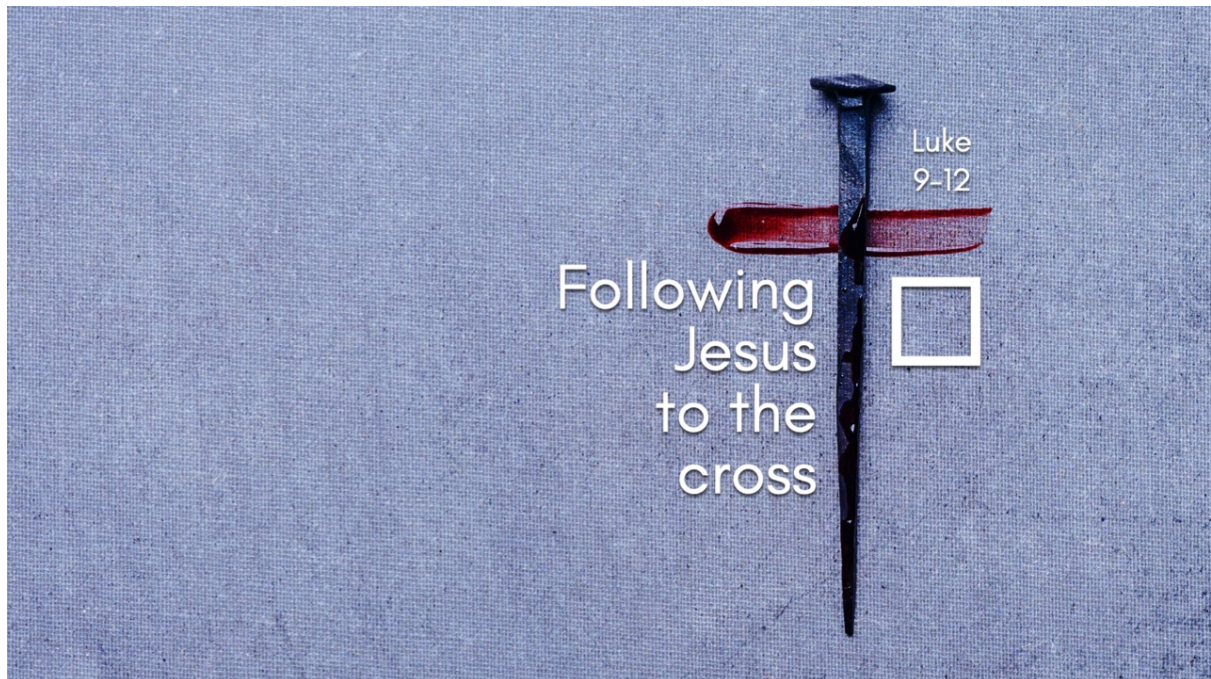




This week at Magdalen Road Church we began a series in Luke 9-12 where we will consider what it means to **follow** Jesus. From chapters 4-9 Jesus has been showing his authority and teaching in the north in Galilee, now from chapter 9-19 Jesus will travel the length of the country, from north to south and arrive 150km later in Jerusalem.

Luke tells us why he will do this – it's because the time is coming for Jesus is to be taken (or lifted) up – a picture of coronation and kingship. In Jerusalem he will wear a crown, but not a crown of gold, rather a crown of thorns.

We noted too that the first thing that happens in our lessons on how to follow Jesus is the reality of opposition. As they pass through Samaria, because of their destination of Jerusalem, they are not welcomed.

Here are a few questions to help your group

- Who do people follow in our world? What do these individuals promise?
- What do we learn of Jesus in these verses and what we might expect as we follow him? Why is Jesus going where he's going?
- Take a look through the next few chapters as we follow Jesus to Jerusalem, what do we learn of what it means to follow him? Why is he worth it?
- When do you struggle to trust Jesus?