

Enemies of Impact

Various Passages

Launch

What is your ideal day off? If you had no responsibilities for 24 hours, how would you spend your time?

Explore

Read Mark 4:18-19 What are the things that choke the word? Which is the most surprising thing on this list?

Read Luke 9:57-62 When it comes to following him, what does Jesus say about our comfort? Our priorities? Our focus?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Why is “Christ crucified” considered both a “stumbling block” and “foolishness” to some people?

Apply

What are some of the “other things” you desire that can keep you from obedience? (See Mark 4:19)

Ben Pierce says that Christians trade radical obedience for convention and comfort. How has this been true in your life?

In the Luke passage, the man’s reply to Jesus’ call is, “...but first let me bury my father.” What are the “but firsts” you’ve told Jesus?

Ben also says that we trade truth for acceptance (the gospel for self-help, therapeutic messages). Why do we do this? What does it reveal about us?

Pray

Pray that we’d obey the call to be harvest workers, living lives of radical obedience.