

## LESSONS FOR WEEK 3 OF SERMON SERIES "FOLLOW THE LEADER"

### PSALM 138:1-8

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, <sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. <sup>6</sup>For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. <sup>8</sup>The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

### 1 PETER 2:21-25

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### LUKE 9:57-62

As they were going along the road, someone said to [Jesus], "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."