

Growth Group Bible Study

Moving Toward Maturity: Becoming a Fully Devoted
Follower of Jesus Sermon Series
An Honest Truth



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Reading Luke 14:25-35

Opening Questions

1. What was a “high pressure sale” that you have experienced? (e.g. a car purchase, a home purchase, a time share, etc.)
2. When you married, or decided to have children, or made a job change, etc., how much did you “consider the cost”?
3. If someone would ask you, “What have you gained in being a disciple of Jesus?” what would you say?
4. If someone were to ask you, “What has been the greatest cost for you to be a disciple of Jesus?” what would you say?

Study

1. What is the significance to what Jesus teaches in Luke 14:25-35 that it was to such a huge crowd of followers? cf. 14:25 with Luke 12:1
2. How would you put into your own words what Jesus says in 14:26 as to the cost of following Jesus (“devotion to Jesus first”). Where does family fit in with our being followers of Jesus?
3. Whom do you know who has exhibited “devotion to Jesus first” in terms of the sacrifices they have made?

4. What does our culture tend to mean when we refer to “taking up our cross” or “having our cross to bear?” What did Jesus mean by “carrying our own cross” in 14:27? cf. Luke 9:23
5. In what ways do disciples of Jesus “die to themselves”?
6. In what ways are disciples of Jesus called to “deny themselves”?
cf. 14:33; Mark 10:17-27; Col. 1:18
7. What is the hardest thing for you to “deny yourself” in to be a disciple of Jesus?
e.g. possessions, time, serving others, etc.
8. What illustrations does Jesus use in 14:28-32 to point out the importance of “determining the cost” of following Him? What would be some other illustrations we could use for our world today?
9. How should we understand what Jesus taught in 14:34-35 in light of counting the cost of following Jesus and what it means to follow Jesus?
10. In what ways do you “delight in the greater gain” of being a disciple of Jesus?
cf. Matt. 10:37-39; John 6:67-69; John 10:10
11. What would you say is the greatest motivation that has made you a disciple of Jesus despite the cost?

Application

1. Review the “cost of following Jesus” from this passage and consider how you are “living out” that cost. What adjustments might the Lord need to make in your life to better fulfill this character of a disciple?