

Counting The Cost of Discipleship – Luke 14:25-35

I. The Cost of Discipleship (25-27)

A. Jesus Addresses the Multitude (25)

1. Great crowds accompanied him
2. He spoke to them all
3. This is an address for all who would follow Him
4. This is for everyone who names the name of Christ

B. Jesus said Man Must Love Christ Over All Else (26)

1. The one who comes to me – meaning one who wants to follow me
 - a. speaks of those who want Christ
 - b. speaks of those who want eternal life
 - c. speaks of those who want God's blessing
2. He must Love Christ with an Extraordinary Love
 - a. A love that makes parental love look like hate
 - b. A love that makes family love look like hate
 - c. A love that makes self-love look like hate
 - d. Cannot contradict 5th commandment (father /mother)
 - i. Means love Christ more than all others things
 - ii. Must love Him more than what we love most
 - iii. Gen. 29:30 – loved Rachael more than Leah
nest verse – Leah was hated
 - e. The claims our families make on us cannot override His
 - f. Unless He is our affection, we cannot be disciples

C. Jesus said Man Must Die to Himself (27)

1. Cross carrier was a condemned man – death sentence
 - a. They had seen plenty of crucifixions – one way trip
 - b. Are you willing to go and die with me?
 - c. Multitude wanted blessing, no one wanted to follow
 - endure suffering
 - endure persecution
 - endure trial
 - d. If I am not willing to die for him, I'm not willing to live 4 him
 - e. I give up claim to myself – I die – He lives in me

II. You Must Count the Cost of Discipleship – (28-33)

A. No One Acts Without Counting The Cost (28-32)

1. No one sets out to build without planning (28-29)
 - a. Otherwise he may not be able to finish
 - b. He may start well, but not have resources, manpower
2. No King goes to war without planning (30-32)
 - a. He counts his options before going to war
 - b. He makes peace if he cannot prevail

B. You Cannot Follow Without Counting the Cost (33)

1. The disciple must weigh the options
 - a. No one can come unless he renounces all he has
 - b. Is it worth it?

c. Easy to say yes when comfortable

III. The Unmindful Disciple is Useless

A. Salt Without Flavor Can't Be Re-salted (34-35)

1. If Salt has lost its taste – it is no longer salt

a. Salt is what flavors

b. Nothing can flavor salt

c. Salt without flavor is sand

2. Salt without Flavor is Useless (35)

a. Can't salt food

b. Can't kill plants along the road

c. Can't preserve nutrients in manure for crops

- not worth crap

B. The Disciple who is Half-hearted is Useless

1. He cannot follow Christ

2. He cannot endure persecution

3. He cannot leave worldliness