

JESUS TEACHES ON THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

(Luke 14:25-35)

A. JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH DROPSY (Luke 14:1-6)

B. THE PARABLE REGARDING SEATS AT A WEDDING BANQUET (Luke 14:7-14)

C. ALL PEOPLE ARE INVITED BUT MOST HAVE EXCUSES (Luke 14:15-24)

D. JESUS DELINEATES THE HIGH COST OF DISCIPLESHIP (Luke 14:25-27)

1. One way to find out who was _____ and thin out the crowd from those who were merely _____ was for Jesus to turn to them and talk about discipleship. (v. 25)
2. Jesus was _____ suggesting that His disciples break the fifth Commandment, the language of “_____” is typical Jewish hyperbole. (v. 26, cf. 2 Sam. 19:5-6; Prov. 13:24; Mal. 1:2-3; also Gen. 29:30-33; Deut. 21:15-17; Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20)

* Is there a distinction between being a believer and being a disciple?

3. By comparison a disciple’s devotedness to Jesus Christ should be such that it actually _____ as if he _____ everything else.
4. A true disciple must be willing to carry his/her own cross, which implied two aspects (v. 27)...
 - a. A willingness to forsake your own _____ and _____. (Acts:22-24)
 - b. A willingness to endure _____, and even _____ if necessary. (John 12:23-26; Rev. 12:11)

E. JESUS USES THREE ILLUSTRATIONS IN COUNTING THE COST (Luke 14:28-35)

1. With an attitude of thoughtful deliberation, a disciple should seriously consider whether he/she will be able to _____ what they started so as not to be embarrassed. (vv. 28-30)

* What are some things that might be included in the “cost” of discipleship?

2. A disciple should also intelligently (not naively) calculate the strength of the _____ and realize great personal _____ in giving up everything is part of discipleship. (vv. 31-32)

3. Christians are often confused as to what it truly means to follow Christ as a disciple (v. 33)...

- a. It is not being preoccupied with _____, money, _____, etc.

- b. It is an invitation to all-out _____ in the spiritual realm by placing a _____ on your back.

- c. It means not being preoccupied and consumed with _____!

4. Just as a disciple can cease to _____ Jesus, so salt can lose its saltiness; in which case both things become _____. (vv. 34-35)

* How can you personally apply this call to discipleship?