



The Cost of Discipleship Luke 14:25-35

Something to Start Us Off

- Think back to when you first came to Christ. Was it presented as something freely open to anyone, or was it more of a challenge to turn away from something first?

Something to Notice

- Who does Jesus say we must be willing to “hate” in order to follow him? See the explanation below if that word troubles you. We will discuss it shortly.
- In v.27 what does he say we must do to follow after him and be his disciple?
- What two examples of cost-counting does Jesus give us?

Something to Understand

The parallel passage in Matthew 10:37-39 helps explain the word “hate” that Jesus uses here. In this context, it was really a relative term. “Love and hate” could be understood something like “accept and reject.”

- What sort of excuses have you heard – or perhaps given yourself – for not following Jesus too closely? How do they sound in light of Christ’s words here?
- How do you think we should understand this passage when compared to the “whosoever” verses like John 3:16 and Romans 10:13?
- Given the context here in Luke 14, what do you think it means for salt to lose its taste? Is Jesus really giving us a lesson on the mineral used for seasoning?

Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 14, what lessons do we learn about what true Christian discipleship looks like?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 14:25-35 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?