



MOSAIC BOSTON  
LOVE. JESUS. SIMPLE.

This week we looked at Luke 9:46-62 and talked about the “cost of discipleship.” Much of Luke’s Gospel, up to this point has focused on the issue of Jesus’ identity. We see Jesus’ origins, his teaching and his miracles. This comes to a head in chapter nine where Jesus asks his disciples, “who do you say that I am?” Peter answers, “the Christ of God.” Immediately after this confession we have the story of Jesus’ transfiguration and it becomes clear that Jesus is no mere Rabbi or miracle worker. He is God in flesh, the Christ, the divine savior of the world.

With the answer of Jesus identity laid clear, Luke now wants us to ask another important question. If this is who Jesus is, then what does it mean to follow this Jesus. When Peter saw Jesus true identity, he naturally wanted to stay with him on the mountain top. Jesus wasn’t planning on staying still, however. In order to be with Jesus, Peter needed to move with Jesus and follow in down a hard and narrow path. Jesus path would take him to the pinnacles of glory in resurrected eternal life, but not before passing through the valley of the shadow of death.

Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” The way of Jesus, is the way of the cross. It is the way of suffering, sacrifices, and self-giving love. It is a costly path. Jesus frequently challenged people to count the cost of following him. At times this turned people away. They didn’t understand that, while the cost was high, the reward of knowing Christ was more than worth it. When we see Jesus for who he truly is, we begin to see reality for what it truly is and that truth sets us free to see that the cost of discipleship is not a price we have to pay, but an investment we get to make.

Christ paid the ultimate price to make us his own. Salvation costs us nothing, but it cost Jesus everything. As a result, we are now free to joyfully invest everything we have to grow in Christ and proclaim his Kingdom. We count the cost daily in order to remind ourselves that Christ is the only one worthy of taking up our crosses and giving our lives for.

### **The Cost/Benefit Analysis of Following Jesus**

- 1) Pride (46-48)
- 2) Purpose (49-55)
- 3) Possession (57-58)
- 4) People (59-60)
- 5) Priorities (61-62)

## **DISCUSSION GOALS**

### **Head**

To understand the meaning and implications of Jesus parable of the sower.

### **Heart**

To have soft contrite hearts growing in humility and repentance before God’s and His Word.

### **Hands**

To read and obey God’s word, to persevere in the faith, and to boldly share the Gospel.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Membership or Baptism:**

Contact

[admin@mosaicboston.com](mailto:admin@mosaicboston.com) to

sign up for our next

membership class or learn

more about baptism.

### **Mosaic JP:**

Please keep Mosaic JP and other faithful Boston church plants in your prayers. If your CG would like to serve Mosaic JP together on a Sunday please contact [andy@mosaicboston.com](mailto:andy@mosaicboston.com).

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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### **Read Luke 9:46-62**

- What was one of the hardest or most life altering decisions you've ever had to make? How did you go about making that decision?
- When you came to Christ, did you come based on the promises of a better life, or were you challenged to count the cost? How might those two starting points affect a persons spiritual growth?
- What are some of the costs that you've experience while following Jesus? What have those experiences taught you? Have you found any hidden benefits to those costs?
- Looking at Jesus interactions with Jame and John, and then with these three unnamed men, what stands out to you the most? What do you find most challenging, convicting, puzzling, or encouraging?
- Looking at the sermon outline, which of the five categories have you experienced the most cost or the most benefit from in your walk with Christ (Pride, Purpose, Possession, People, or Priorities)?

### **Read Matthew 13:44-46**

- How do these parables give us a different perspective on the cost of Discipleship?

### **Read Hebrews 11:1-2 & Romans 8:31**

- Why is it important to remember the price that God the Father and God the Son paid for us when we talk about the cost of Discipleship?
- Do you have any other thoughts, questions, or comments about the passage that you would like to share with the group?