

The Cost of Discipleship- Week 2

Luke 14: 25- Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said...

1. God is more concerned with the COMMITTED rather than the CROWD.
 - a. Why do you think most people are more concerned with the crowd and having a large group of people following them?
 - b. Do you believe that many churches are more concerned with the crowd rather than the committed? Why or why not?
 - c. Jesus was concerned with the committed. He knew that explaining the cost of discipleship would cause fewer people to follow him, and that he may lose the crowd. What kind of lesson can we learn from this?

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2. A disciple is willing to elevate their FAITH over their FAMILY.
 - a. When looking at the original text, the word "HATE" here is conveying a message of preference or priority. Why is it important to understand this?
 - b. What does it look like for God to be your first priority?
 - c. Give examples of how you sometimes place your family above your relationship with God. In what ways can you rearrange this level of priority where God is always first?

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3. A disciple embraces SACRIFICE over SELF-CENTEREDNESS.
 - a. Often, what stops us from surrendering everything over to Jesus is a FEAR of what He may ask us to give up. What things would be difficult for you to give up?
 - b. How does the society we live in today play a role in our struggle with self-centeredness?
 - c. What does true sacrifice and surrender to Jesus look like?

REFLECTION-

Did you count the cost when you decided to become a follower of Jesus? Have you been saying that you are a disciple, but not fully surrendering EVERYTHING over to Him? What can you change in your life or surrender to truly become his disciple?