

STAY SALTY, REACH THE NEXT GENERATION!

LUKE 14:25-35

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Main Idea: The Battle is Real but The Best is Yet to Come, so Count the Cost and Stay Salty.

1. The Battle is Real

2. The Best is Yet to Come

3. Count the Cost

“Christ says, “Give me all. I don’t want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want you. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it...Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked—the whole outfit.” ~C.S. Lewis~

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer~

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

~St. Paul~

4. Stay Salty

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you had to sacrifice familial relationships for the sake of following Christ?
2. Have you failed to follow Christ due to familiar relationships? Confess and ask God to help.
3. Do you believe heaven and hell are real, that the stakes are that high? Pray for our church to live in light of eternity and redeem the time God has given us in this brief life.
4. To deny ourselves and carry our cross we must believe the best is yet to come. What habits can you cultivate to help fix your attention and affections on that Great Banquet?
5. Counting the cost can be scary. Pray "Lord help me!" Remember God's faithfulness to you in the past. He has helped you and he always will.
6. God is the author and finisher of your faith. Because he has saved you, you are safe to fail. Don't let fear rob you of the joy of the Lord. Count the cost, take the risk, trust the Lord.
7. Read Philippians 3:7-11. Following Christ is a call to die. What keeps you from dying to self and staying salty? Confess to God and find someone to help encourage you in this death to self, so that Christ might be magnified in and through your humble trust and obedience.