Lesson 10: The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25–35 "Now large crowds were going along with Him."

CHAPTER 4 / No Fine Print

Read Luke 14:25-26

A Crown without a Cross (Textbook: Page 44)

Nowhere do we find in the teachings of Jesus that to be a disciple of His was simple or easy. Jesus' focus was to make true disciples. His goal was never to draw large crowds.

Jesus' words are clear.

Mark 8:31–35 (NASB)

³¹And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³²And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

³³But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

³⁴And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

³⁵"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

"Consider what it cost Jesus to purchase our salvation." (Textbook: Page 45)

Hebrews 12:2–3 / Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Romans 8:17 / And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Textbook reading: Page 49 - 50 > A Learner Who Follows / The True Measure of Success