

Cost

Pre-Article:

1. What something cost more, it is usually more valuable, what is the most costly thing you have ever purchased and what did it take to purchase this item?
2. What is the most valuable item someone has ever given you? What about it made it *costly* or *valuable* to you and how did this impact your relationship with that person?

Observational Discussion

1. What is your reaction to the Lord's call to 'pick up your cross and follow Me'?
2. Read and discuss Matthew 7:13-14. Jesus said narrow is the way that leads to life and few find it. What does this reveal about the normal Christian life?
3. Read and discuss Luke 14:25-33. What are some characteristics this passage indicates are key to being a disciple of Christ?

Personal Application

1. In our culture, what are two or three areas of life in which it is most difficult to go the 'narrow way'?
2. What are some ways you feel God might be challenging you to 'count the cost'?