

Week 5: The Cost of the Great Commission

Main Verse: Luke 9:23 – "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Point 1: Sacrificing Comfort for the Kingdom

- True discipleship often requires leaving behind comfort and security.
- True commitment to God's Kingdom often requires leaving behind personal comfort, security, and stability. Jesus Himself demonstrated this by living a life without earthly luxury, focusing instead on His mission. Following Christ means being willing to step out of our comfort zones, whether physically, financially, or emotionally, for the sake of His call.

Matthew 8:20"Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.'"

- **Philippians 3:8** – "I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."
- Teach that following Jesus means prioritizing His mission above personal comfort.

Question:

What comforts might be holding you back from fully pursuing God's call?

Are you willing to trust God even when it means leaving behind security?

Point 2: Persecution and Endurance

- Those who proclaim the gospel will face opposition, but they must endure.
- **2 Timothy 3:12** – "Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."
- Encourage perseverance, knowing that God rewards faithfulness. **Hebrews 10:36**
- Example of Paul and Silas enduring Persecution with faith brings divine breakthrough and testimonies **Acts 16:25**
- Consider the the story of the early Christians in the book of Acts. Despite intense Persecution, imprisonment but they continue to preaching the gospel with boldness
- **The true mark of believers is Endurance.**