

Disciple Intentionally - Luke 14:26-33

Intro: What kind of checklists do you use? Our church has a checklist: Worship; Disciple; and Reach. This is what is on the checklist to be a disciple of Jesus Christ

I. _____ – 14:26 (Also Matthew 10:37-39)

“_____” – To follow Jesus we must deny family, friends, and self to be the first love in our lives.

What do we do? Love the Lord and intentionally follow His plan for our lives as Christ-followers.

Illustrate: The right flight plan is important. How much more is the right life plan? Deny our plan and be devoted to the Lord's plan.

II. _____ – 14:27

A. Bearing our own _____ - Identifying with Christ's suffering and surrender to the Father's will. Death to self.

B. _____ after – The act of following Christ with the emphasis on arrival.

It may not be the Lord's will for us to follow him in death, but it is His will that we are devoted to him throughout life.

III. _____ – 14:28-32

A. There Will Be a _____ – 14:28-30

B. There Will Be a _____ – 14:31-32

When we decide to follow Christ in his way, He gives us the help, the grace, the strength that we need to meet the conflicts faced as an intentional disciple (Matthew 11:28-30; Jude 24; Hebrews 13:21)

C. There Is a _____ - Matthew 6:19-21

JC Ryle – “The man who does well for himself is the man who gives up everything for Christ's sake.

Conclusion: We each live by some kind of checklist. Make sure that you also follow the checklist for intentional discipleship:

Small Group Questions

1. What kind of checklists do you use? How are checklists helpful?
2. Why is it important for our church to have a checklist that we call our “Purpose Statement?”
3. Summarize from Luke 14:26-33 what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?
4. How can being a disciple of Christ cause division within a family? Explain with examples.
5. How does “faith” in an unseen flight plan help us to understand what it means to follow Jesus?
6. Why did Jesus use the two illustrations (14:28-32) about counting the cost in connection with discipleship?
7. If a person counts the cost and commits to intentional discipleship, why can they be convinced that they will not fail (See Matthew 11:28-30; Jude 24; Hebrews 13:21)
8. How is God calling you to think differently?
9. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?