

# Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

June 14, 2026 – Sent by the King: The Cost of Following the King

**Main Passage:** Matthew 10:34-42

## **Main Idea:**

Following Jesus may be costly, but He is worthy of our highest love, our surrendered lives, and our faithful service.

## **1) THE KING'S TRUTH BRINGS DIVISION**

*Matthew 10:34–36 | Micah 7:6, John 7:43, Hebrews 4:12*

- Jesus did not come to promote violence.
- The “sword” describes the division created by people’s response to Him.
- Jesus echoes Micah 7:6, where spiritual corruption had fractured even the closest family relationships.
- Peace with God can bring conflict with a world—and sometimes a household—that rejects Christ.

**Key Truth:** The truth demands a response, and that response can bring division.

## **2) THE KING DEMANDS SUPREME DEVOTION**

*Matthew 10:37 | Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 13:6–8*

- Jesus does not diminish the family; He places every relationship under His lordship.
- The Law commanded honor for parents, but it also required loyalty to God above even the closest family bond.
- By demanding love above father, mother, son, or daughter, Jesus claims the allegiance that belongs to God alone.

**Key Truth:** The throne of our heart belongs to Christ, and no one else can sit there.

## **3) THE KING CALLS FOR TOTAL SURRENDER**

*Matthew 10:38–39 | Galatians 2:20*

- In the Roman world, the cross was not a symbol of inconvenience; it was an instrument of public, shameful death.
- Taking up the cross means surrendering self-rule—our comfort, desires, reputation, plans, and control—to Christ.
- The cost differs from believer to believer, but the call is the same: Christ must rule.

- The cross is the path of surrender, but Jesus Himself is the treasure and true life is found in Him.

**Key Truth:** Taking up the cross means I stop trying to save the life Jesus is calling me to surrender.

#### **4) THE KING REMEMBERS FAITHFUL SERVICE**

***Matthew 10:40–42***

- Christ’s messengers do not carry personal opinions; they represent the King and carry His message.
- Those who pray, give, welcome, encourage, and support the work of the gospel share in kingdom work.
- Even a cup of cold water given because someone belongs to Christ will not be forgotten.

**Key Truth:** The smallest act of faithfulness done for Christ is greater than it looks in the moment.

#### **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

- Is there anyone I love or obey more than Jesus?
- Is there anything I am refusing to surrender to Christ?
- Am I willing to remain faithful when obedience brings pressure, division, or personal cost?
- How can I support or encourage someone who is faithfully serving the Lord this week?

“Jesus never called us to simply admire Him. He tells us to follow Him.”

“The cross is not jewelry or an accessory to the Christian life. The cross is the death of self-rule.”