

Sermon Questions | February 22, 2026
Luke 14:25–35 | “Count The Cost”

1. What does Jesus mean when he says his disciples must “hate” their own family members? (v. 26)

2. Why is it important for our loves to be rightly ordered?

3. “Christ never calls you to _____ anything, unless he has something _____ in store.” Why is this important to remember?

4. What is the difference between the two parables in this passage (vv. 28–32), and what do they teach us about counting the cost?

Scripture Passages

Matthew 10:37 – Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Luke 9:24 – For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Luke 18:29–30 – Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.

Quotes

“He loves Thee too little, who loves anything together with Thee, which he loves not for Thy sake.” – **Augustine of Hippo**

“When I have learned to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now. In so far as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and instead of God, I shall be moving toward the state in which I shall not love my earthly dearest at all. When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.” – **C. S. Lewis**

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose.”
– **Jim Elliot**

“I have now to ask, whether you can consent to part with your daughter early next spring, to see her no more in this world; whether you can consent to her departure, and her subjection to the hardships and sufferings of a missionary life; whether you can consent to her exposure to the dangers of the ocean; to the fatal influence of the southern climate of India; to every kind of want and distress; to degradation, insult, persecution, and perhaps a violent death. Can you consent to all this, for the sake of him who left his heavenly home, and died for her and for you; for the sake of perishing, immortal souls; for the sake of Zion, and the glory of God? Can you consent to all this, in hope of soon meeting your daughter in the world of glory, with the crown of righteousness, brightened with the acclamations of praise which shall redound to her Saviour from heathens saved, through her means, from eternal woe and despair.”
– **Adoniram Judson**