



Sermon Discussion Questions - July 10 & 12, 2026
Matthew Part 3: Week 10
Matthew 10:34-11:1

Ice Breaker: *In this week's passage, Jesus talks about the cost of following Him.*

- **Q1: If someone asked your closest friends what matters most to you, what do you think they'd say? What makes you answer that way?**

Read Matthew 10:34-11:1 together. Jesus tells His disciples that following Him can sometimes create tension or division in our relationships.

- **Q2: Why do you think following Jesus can create tension with others? Have you ever experienced that personally?**

Jesus says that anyone who wants to follow Him must take up their cross.

- **Q3: Are there areas of your life where following Jesus has felt costly? How so?**
- **Q4: Even with the conflicts and the costs, what makes following Jesus worth it?**

Jesus says that whoever tries to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for His sake will find it.

- **Q5: Where do you see people looking for life, happiness, or fulfillment in ways that ultimately leave them empty? Have you experienced that yourself?**

Jesus also says that our love and loyalty for Him must come before every other relationship.

- **Q6: What most often competes for your love, attention, or loyalty instead of Jesus? How do you see that play out in your everyday life?**
- **Q7: Is there a relationship where you've been tempted to prioritize comfort, approval, or avoiding conflict over following Jesus?**

Jesus reminds His disciples that while following Him is costly, it is never without purpose or reward.

- **Q8: Where do you need the Holy Spirit to give you courage or strength to faithfully follow Jesus right now?**
- **Q9: What is one way following Jesus feels especially challenging in this season? How can this group encourage, support, and pray for you in that?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!