

# CROSS CONSIDERATIONS

## LUKE 14:25-33

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message: Cross Considerations // Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

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### CHECK IN ON ONE ANOTHER

Share about your week and pray for one another's personal prayer needs.

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First, let's recap Sunday's message and read Luke 14:25-33 together.

**Q1: What were the main things from the sermon that you remember from Sunday? Why do those stand out to you?**

**Q2: What do you think the difference is between being a Christian and a disciple?**

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### DISCIPLESHIP

To be a disciple of Jesus requires ongoing practice. And people who practice things realize that they are not perfect, that is why they practice. It takes practice to be a disciple of Jesus.

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The most important question that we need to ask ourselves is whether we are disciples of Jesus.

**Q3: Right before verse 25, Jesus tells a parable about a banquet feast. What is that parable trying to say?**

Discipleship takes hard work, that is why Jesus shares in verses 25-33 that there are some things that will make it hard to enter into discipleship.

**Q4: What excuses do we use to put off or never begin discipleship?**

Being a disciple of Jesus requires our ultimate commitment.

**Q5: How does reading the NLT that adds "by comparison" when talking about hatred in these verses change our understanding of the meaning of the text?**

**Q6: Today's culture has used the cross differently than it would have been understood in Jesus' day. What are ways that can help us think of the cross in today's world? What is the cost that Jesus is requiring of us?**

Jesus shares two stories about a builder and a king to talk about counting the cost.

**Q7: Why does it matter that disciples of Jesus regularly count the cost of discipleship?**

**Q8: What are practical ways that you can grow in your discipleship and make it a practice today?**

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Are you carrying your cross for his sake or are you throwing it down for your own sake? You have to figure out how much it costs to follow Jesus, but consider also what it will cost you to not follow Jesus. You will never have to pay a higher price or carry a heavier cross than the one Jesus has already paid and carried for you.

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### CALL TO ACTION:

- 1) Pray for your non-Christian friends to come to faith in Jesus.
- 2) Pray for your unchurched/de-churched friends to join a local church.
- 3) Pray for God to work alongside you so that you can grow in your discipleship. Ask him to continually remind you of the commitment and cost of being a disciple.