



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 5/21/23

Opener (10 minutes or less)

Would you rather live in a shack and eat like a king or live in a castle and eat like a peasant?

Would you rather have only cold food/drinks or only hot food/drinks for the rest of your life?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Questions:

1. What stands out to you from this reading and/or Sunday's teaching? What was challenging, or encouraging?
 2. Look again at Luke 14:26. In what ways might modern believers need to be prepared to upset their families?
 3. Consider Luke 14:26b. What would be the distinctive features of a Christian who 'hated' his own life?
 4. What do you see to be some of the costs of following Jesus?
 5. What do Jesus' words teach about discipleship? Do you think most people think of these marks when they think of being a Christian? Why or why not? What difference would these marks make on Christian life and ministry if they were remembered and more tightly applied?
 6. Read Luke 14:33 again. When it comes to our attitude to possessions, how far are we dishonest with ourselves?
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

The Cost of Discipleship

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, **26** “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. **27** Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. **28** For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? **29** Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, **30** saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ **31** Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? **32** And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. **33** So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.