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Part 1-“What Does It Mean to be a Disciple of Jesus?”

Luke 14:25-35

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them He said: “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be My disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be My disciples.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” Luke 14:25-35 NIV

The Disciple of Jesus...

1. must love Jesus MORE than anyone or anything else.

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:26 NIV

2. must take up his cross daily and FOLLOW Jesus.

And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:26-27 NIV

Then He said to them all: “Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will save it. Luke 9:23-24 NIV

What is the significance of the cross?

- The early church did not wear crosses-they died on crosses!!

Key point: It will COST you to be a disciple of Jesus.

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Key point: The cross symbolizes one thing: DYING to self.

3. must turn the "TITLE DEED" of their life over to Christ.

In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be My disciples. Luke 14: 3 NIV

4. must IMPACT their culture.

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5. will bring forth spiritual FRUIT.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:8 NIV

Put your name into each of these points...

Who can live up to that?

Answer: You can!

Are you willing to be a disciple?

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20 NIV

Have you received this hope of Jesus?

