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**Journey Group Lesson for “Committed” – April 18, 2010**

## **Getting Started (Everyone Answer)**

What was one of the worst things your brother or sister did to you as a child?

If you had to go to prison for a year, what do you imagine would be the hardest part of that experience? Why that?

## **Digging Deeper**

Why do you think people tend to give up when things get difficult?

Why do you think people give up on Jesus when things get difficult?

Read Luke 14:26-27.

What surprises you about Jesus’ teaching here?

In verse 26, who does Jesus say we need to hate in order to be His disciple? What do you think about these words? What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate here?

In verse 27, what does Jesus say? What did the cross stand for in the ancient world? How does that compare with how the cross is viewed today? What does it mean to take up your cross?

A survey of non-Christians found that 85% of non-Christians between the age of 16 & 29 knew at least one person who was a “committed Christian.” Of those, only 15% said that that person’s lifestyle was any different from the norm. Why do you think most Christian’s lives do not differ from the lives of non-believers? How is your life different from the average non-believer?

What did Greg say was wrong with the common notion of trying harder to be a Christian and trying to “follow all of the rules”?

## **Bringing It Home**

Read Luke 6:22 & 26. When was the last time following Jesus cost you something (not talking about inconvenience but a real loss – like a job promotion or a friendship)?

Pray for each other and together pray the prayer Greg shared on Sunday – *“I repent of my sins. I surrender myself to you. I die to myself and I am completely yours.”*

**Homework** - “Digging Deeper” worksheet.