

# DISCIPLESHP

## WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS PART I: THE COST

### Reading Assignment

Have students read Luke 5:1-11 and Luke 14:25-33.

### Intro Discussion:

What comes to mind when you hear the word “discipleship?” What is discipleship?

What does it mean to be a disciple, or follower of Jesus?

### Content:

Jesus was a Rabbi (or a Jewish teacher). A student of a Rabbi was called a disciple. Since these terms are often foreign to our modern speech it may be helpful to point out what kind of relationship this was:

- Teacher—>Student
- Master—>Servant
- Father—>Child
- Mentor—>Apprentice
- Lord—>Subordinate

Jesus was the teacher, master, father and mentor, and the disciples were the students, servants, children, and apprentices. A disciple learns the way of life of the master, the way of thinking, the attitudes, and the habits. They learn to walk, talk, act and love like their teacher. They even learned how to interpret the Bible. This was true with the first disciples of Jesus, it's true with us today.

Following Jesus is NOT equivalent to following someone on social media. It is a complete giving and submitting of ourselves and our lives unto Jesus. It is not something to be done lightly. In fact, it cannot be done until the cost is counted first.

Read Luke 14:25-33 together. What stands out as you read this? What do you find most challenging?

- Why does Jesus require such a cost to become his disciple?
  - The way of life Jesus teaches cannot be done halfway. It requires complete devotion.

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- Jesus said to enter God's kingdom you have to be "born again" (John 3:3). Living life in God's kingdom (where God's reign becomes a reality in our lives) requires a complete change, not a few minor adjustments.
- Following Jesus is not like taking a pill to make life a little better. It's like open heart surgery, and being given a completely new heart!

What is most challenging to you to surrender to Jesus when you count the cost of following him? Is it giving Him your dreams? Relationships? Money? Possessions? A specific sin?

## Challenge:

Take some time to "count the cost." Have you counted the cost before? Is there anything you need to surrender to God that you are holding onto? Whatever it may be, share that with someone this week. Confess the area of your life that you are not offering to God.

For next week, read Matthew 5-7.