Calvary Church Small Group Discussion Guide (Luke 14:25-33)

1) In the sermon on Sunday, we saw that Discipleship to Jesus was "Treasuring Jesus above all things," "bearing a burden as we follow Jesus," and "that true disciples are not prisoners to their possessions." What is the most shocking thing to you about Jesus' words? Why are they shocking?
2) What is it about Jesus that is attractive, in spite of the immense challenges of following Him?
3) What is the greatest obstacle to valuing Jesus more than "father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and even our own lives?" (Luke 14:26)
4) What is the link between the type of discipleship that Jesus describes, and the effectiveness of the church in fulfilling the Great Commission, (Matthew 28:18-20)?
5) Do you have any examples of experiences in which you needed to suffer in order to remain faithful to Jesus? What prompted that suffering, and what was the outcome of it? What did you learn about God and yourself during the time when you experienced suffering because of a decision you made to be faithful to Jesus.
6) What will discipleship look like for you a) in your home b) in your culture c) in your workplace?