

The Cost of Discipleship - Luke 14:25-35

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I. Introduction & Context

1. Where was the passage taking place?
2. What was the culture like?
3. What was happening with Jesus?
4. Who was Jesus talking to?

II. Verses 26-27 & 33

1. Why the harsh language?
 - Emphasizing importance
 - Getting their attention
 - Running out of time
2. Did Jesus contradict himself?
 - 2 Clues in Scripture to find meaning:
 - Matthew 10:37
 - Mark 12:28-31
 - Teaching through contrast
3. The Cost of being a Disciple of Christ
 - To love God more than _____. (vs. 25)
 - To make Jesus Lord over your life. (vs 26)
 - Carry your own cross (vs. 27)
 - Give up “everything” (vs. 33)

III. Verses 34 - 35

1. Significance of Salt
2. In Hebrew: To hear is to do

IV. The Significance for Today?

1. How can I cultivate a deeper love and devotion towards God?
2. What do I need to surrender to Jesus, as my Lord?
3. What can I give towards Jesus' Kingdom vs. my own kingdom?

V. Luke 14:28-32

1. Counting the cost - we'll always come up short
2. The GOOD NEWS