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Luke 14:25–33 (ESV) - ²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) - ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Luke 9:24–25 (ESV) - ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

John 4:13–14 (ESV) - ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

1 – JESUS IS SHOCKING

What do is the most shocking thing that you have heard Jesus say in the gospels to the people around him?

Read Luke 14:25-26. **What makes this passage so shocking?** Paul compared Jesus’ words with getting hit with a bucket of cold water. **Why is sometimes Jesus OK with using such strong language?**

2 – DISCIPLES MAKE JESUS LORD

How did Paul explain Jesus’ use of the word “hate”? How could it be able priority and not animosity?

How do these first two verses reveal how high the Lordship of Jesus should be in our lives?

What’s the difference between view Jesus as your saviour vs Jesus as your Lord? What happens if we only view him as saviour?

3 – DISCIPLES DIE TO SELF

Read Luke 14:27. **What does it mean to bear your own cross? What are specific examples of what Jesus is talking about?**

Read Galatians 2:20. **How does this scripture reveal more of what Jesus could be pointing to?**

What does it mean to die to yourself? How is this currently taking place on a personal level with you? How does Jesus help us in this?

4 – DISCIPLES COUNT THE COST

Read Luke 14:28-32. **Think about the next 10 years, what costs are you willing to count for following Jesus?**

5 – DISCIPLES SURRENDER ALL

Read Luke 14:33. **How is this verse a shock to and a wake up call apathetic Christianity? At the same time how does God help follow us in our imperfect faith walk?**

Read Luke 9:24-25 & John 4:13-24. **What do we gain by following Christ?**