



Pt. 6: Hidden in Plain Sight; Parable of the Cost of Discipleship

Jesus freely offers salvation to everyone who believes in him. But we first need to understand that when we receive this offer of salvation, there is a cost. To truly follow Christ, we must appreciate such cost and keep ourselves from following him half way. In this parable, Jesus is telling us that we have to weigh the cost of following Him because it will cost us everything. Everything is lost, yet by losing everything, all is gained.

Bottom Line: Following Jesus requires a total surrender to him.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you go about counting the cost when you decide to take on a project at home or while planning a vacation?
2. Describe a time when you had to tell somebody something that was hard. How did you prepare yourself for their potential reaction?
3. **Read Luke 14:25-26.** Jesus uses the word *hate* to describe what someone needs to do in order to follow him. What does it mean to “hate” your parents, spouse, children, friends; etc. in the context of this passage?
4. What possession(s) do you think people tend to put above their relationship with God?
5. **Read Luke 14 verses 27 & 33.** What does Jesus say is required to be a follower - to be one of his disciples? Do you find this difficult? Why?
6. Why is it worth giving up all you have, are, and hope to be to follow Christ as your Savior and Lord?
7. What is something in your life keeps you from fully surrendering your life to Jesus? What steps can you take this week to release that which is holding you back?
8. How can your group support you this week?
9. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?