

The Cost of Discipleship

CrossBridge Church

Luke 14:25-33

1. *Jesus Tells Us to Love Him More Than Anyone Else — Luke 14:26*

“To be my disciple... you must give me preeminence over all other relationships.”

Our lives should be so submitted to Christ that when you put your allegiance to him side-by-side with other allegiances... the difference is so great that it could be described in the black and white terminology of love and hate.

2. *Jesus Tells Us to Bear Our Own Cross for Him — Luke 14:27*

Bearing our cross for Jesus means to follow Him and being willing to die to self. In other words... it means total and absolute surrender.

“I’m afraid many people want to negotiate the cost rather than count it. That is, they are willing to give up things but they won’t give up the right to determine what those things are.” *Tim Keller*

3. *Jesus Tells Us to Give Great Care and Thought to Being His Disciple — Luke 14:28-32*

Jesus is calling people to follow him in discipleship... and then he’s reminding them that it’s like building a tower that you don’t want to leave half-finished because you don’t have enough commitment or enough resources to finish it. (*John Piper*)

“Authentic discipleship may exact from you the highest price relationally and the highest price physically.” (*John Piper*)

4. *Jesus Tells Us to Renounce All that We Have for Him — Luke 14:33*

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to deliberately resolve to leave all things... to suffer all things that may be laid on us... and to persevere to the end of our days in the service of Christ.

If you are not willing to do this... the Bible says you cannot be His disciples.