

44 – Luke 14:25-35 – Would be followers of Jesus

What would it cost for you ...

What are the full repercussions of YOU following Jesus?

Have you counted the cost?

v 25 ... have you really counted the cost of following me?

‘you cannot be my disciple unless you are prepared to give up everything to follow me’.

Unless you hate ...

... a form of speech called hyperbole.

Luke 6:27 “love our enemies and do good to those who hate you”.

Mark 7:9ff ... honour our parents and not to try and get out of this God given expectation with clever religious tricks.

Ephesians 5:25, husbands are called as followers of Jesus to love their wife.

= he has to remain in first place in our order of choices

Two examples

... a decision you freely make and a reality forced upon you.

1) v28... a person who decided to build a tower.

... the cost of following

If you start to follow Jesus then decide to walk away and not finish the race...

2) v31 ... a reality forced upon you.

... the cost of NOT following Jesus.

... when it comes to going against God or following God... a wise person will ask for terms of peace while they can

... the heart of God

= lavish towards those who seek peace with him

For us today

1) The cost of following

How does this description of discipleship challenge your current discipleship?

... take up their cross and follow him.

2) How can we take following Jesus more seriously?

... what things do you need to work on?

verse 33, “those who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples”.

3) The surprising goodness of following Jesus first

... the things we put in a lower order are back in their rightful place

4) Being salt

v 34-35, “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; it is thrown out.”

... it both brings out flavour in food and preserves food.

Disciples who put following Jesus first are surprisingly good at revealing to the world around us the goodness and importance of following Jesus.

Col 4:5-6 which says, “Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”