

## **Sermon Discussion Guide: The Cost of Discipleship Luke 14:25-33**

**View Sermon Here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opukWErGn4c>

### **Opening Reflection:**

How does discipleship differ from simply believing in Jesus?

### **Scripture Focus: Luke 14:25-33**

#### **1. Traveling with Jesus vs. Following Jesus**

- The passage opens with large crowds traveling with Jesus. What does this tell us about their level of commitment?
- How do we see this distinction in today's world—between those who are simply interested in Jesus and those who are truly following Him?
- Have you ever faced a moment when you had to decide between merely believing in Jesus and fully committing to Him? What was that experience like?

#### **2. Jesus Above Everything Else**

- How does prioritizing Jesus transform the way we relate to family, friends, and ourselves?
- What are some ways modern culture defines “success” that might compete with discipleship?
- How can families today make following Jesus the highest priority?

#### **3. The Challenge of Possessions**

- How can possessions or material concerns hinder discipleship?
- If 25% of believers truly renounced their attachment to possessions, how might that impact our culture and world?

#### **4. Carrying the Cross**

- Jesus says, “Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” What does cross-bearing look like in our daily lives?
- Consider Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus carry His cross. How does his story inform our understanding of discipleship?

### **Closing Questions**

How does prioritizing Jesus transform the way we relate to family, friends, and ourselves?

How can we support and pray for one another in fully committing to Christ?