

The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14: 25-35

1. Take a few minutes and list as many descriptions of a fan that you can think of.
Fan of sports, celebrities, etc.
2. What makes a great fan?
3. Fan versus Follower:
 - a. Read Luke 14:25-35.
 - b. What's the difference between a fan and a follower?
4. Three areas to count the cost of discipleship:
 - a. Love. What count is there to make in the following:
 - i. God - Matthew 22:37-38
 - ii. Neighbor - Matthew 22:39
 - iii. Self - Matthew 22:39
 - iv. Each other - John 13:34-35
 - v. Enemies - Matthew 5:43-44
 - b. Suffering/trials. Read the following and discuss how we might encounter them in our daily walk as a disciple:
 - i. James 1:2-3; 12
 - ii. 1 Peter 4:12-19
 - iii. John 16:33 (be sure to read this)
 - iv. Hebrews 13:6 (be sure to read this)
 - c. Obedience. Why is obedience so hard that Jesus has to call us to count the cost first?
 - i. Read Romans 12:1-2. Discuss how this differs between a fan and a follower.
 - ii. How does a follower live this passage out in their daily lives?
 - iii. Read Matthew 28:20. Discuss "everything" and how that shapes our daily lives.