

The Cost of Discipleship

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I. Introduction – The price of following Jesus (Luke 14).

II. Jesus taught that his disciple was to love Him more than his family.

A. Jesus loved His mother and set one of his disciples to protect her. We are to love our family too.

B. The speaker gave his life to Christ after his mother died - she had a real impact on him. (Luke 9:23)

C. However, the love we are to have for Jesus is to be so great that compared to our love for family, it could be seen as hate.

III. The disciple must deny himself and take up his cross daily to follow Jesus.

A. We are not simply do deny things - we are to deny self.

B. We should have a hunger to know God even we face hard times. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

C. Jesus forgave us through the cross. (Isaiah 53:3, Luke 23:34)

D. The disciples were to be willing to take up their cross to follow Jesus. (John 21:18-19, Matthew 26)

IV. Forsaking all avoids failure. (Luke 14:33, Matthew 6:33)

A. God takes care of all our needs when we put them on the cross.

B. Our reputation does not bother us. (Philippians 2:7)

C. We are not worried about our rights. We are not worried about our future.

Application questions

1. What is our love for Jesus to be like in relation to our love for our family? Explain.

2. How can one find freedom in forsaking all things?

3. Memorize Luke 14:33 or Matthew 6:33. Write the verse below.
