

Friendship Group Discussion Questions 5/21/2017

Sermon: "The Cost of Discipleship" – Luke 14:25-33

1. This week Michael preached on the Cost of Discipleship. He compared and contrasted price vs. cost. Share a time you possibly confused price vs. cost. (You might want to share a personal experience to give the group an example.)

Some statements from the sermon to be reminded of (and bonus discussion:)

- The definition of discipleship in a biblical context = following Christ
- We don't make Jesus Lord, He already is Lord. Making Jesus customizable to our lives is not following Christ.

Other background passages - Mt. 16:24; Luke 14:27; Matt 10:38; Rom 14:7; 2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20; Luke 14:25-33; Lk 14:33; Phil. 3:7-8; Luke 9:23; John 15:30

2. Discipleship involves denial of self-interests and desires. Deny self, take up cross daily, and follow Him. What does that look like in your life?

3. Jesus talks about hate in order to follow Him. How do you get your mind around that? Luke 14:25-33

4. What are the things you find difficult to renounce and surrender? Who are you allowing in your life to hold you accountable?

5. Total commitment is complete surrender. Jesus has priority in your life or He doesn't. How does this look in your life? Your family? Your friendships? Your work?

6. Persecution, suffering and even death may very well be in your future as you follow Christ. Are you willing to continue to admit that He is Lord and submit to His work in your life? What does that look like for you beginning today?