

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi (*Matthew*) sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me." So, leaving everything behind, he got up and began to follow him. Luke 5:27-28 (CSB)

Many people don't believe that following Jesus should <u>cost</u> them anything.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother... such a person cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:25-26

Following Jesus calls us to an <u>undivided loyalty</u>.

Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27

Following Jesus means <u>carrying</u> your <u>cross</u>.

"I die daily." 1 Corinthians 15:31

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower... won't you first sit down and estimate the cost? Luke 14:28

• Following Jesus requires a realistic look at the cost.

"No one puts their hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom..." Luke 9:62

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" Matthew 16:26

...those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. Luke 14:33

• Following Jesus means full **surrender**.

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness... it is of no use. Luke 14:34

Additional Notes:	

Don't forget Today after the gathering:





TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Ouestions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- When you think of the disciples response to Jesus' invitation to follow Him, leaving everything; Do you think you would have responded the same way?
- What has following Jesus cost you? Have you left anything behind to follow Him?
- Why do you think that Jesus addressed the large crowd with this message of the cost of following Jesus?
- How do you reconcile the cost of following Jesus and the demands of life?
- What should undivided loyalty look like in the life of a Christ Follower?
- How do we "Carry our Cross" daily? What does that mean? What is something you die to everyday?
- What is a realistic look at the cost of following Jesus?
- When Jesus calls us to full surrender, what do you think He means?
- Read Luke 18:18-23 (not in your notes), What does this tell us about the cost of following Jesus?
- As you assess your life, is Jesus your priority?

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Today's Talk..



The Cost of Following Jesus

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