

Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: Heart Check: Come Follow Me, wk2: Cost

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Big Idea

Following Jesus requires full surrender, loving Him above all, counting the cost, and choosing daily commitment because the reward far outweighs the sacrifice.



Icebreaker

What is one decision you have made in your life that had a bigger cost than you expected but...yet...you'd still make the same decision again? Why is that?



Discussion Questions

1. Read **Luke 14:25-26**. What is currently competing with Jesus for first place in your life? Where do you feel tension in putting Him first, and what would it look like practically to reorder your priorities this week?
2. From the passages read above, Jesus calls us to love Him above which relationships? Loving others is how, in many ways, we love Christ. When does the loving of others start to negatively impact our love of Christ?
3. Read **Luke 14:27** & **Luke 9:23**. As you think about your routines, decisions, and/or struggles where may God be inviting you to deny yourself and follow Him more fully right now? What does “carrying your cross daily” look like in your real, every day, ordinary life?
4. Read **Luke 14:28-30**. In what ways have you truly counted the cost of following Jesus & still followed Him? What areas of your life have you been holding back from He and His ways? What, if any, are some unfinished areas of obedience, or half-hearted commitments, you have made in your faith journey?
5. Read **Romans 8:18** & **2 Corinthians 5:17**. Do you believe the cost of following Jesus is worth it? Why or why not? Where have you seen the “worth it” of following Jesus in your life? Or where are you still struggling to find it?
6. Read **Ephesians 2:8-9**. How does remembering the grace of God shape your willingness to surrender everything? How does the truth that you, nor anyone, can earn their salvation motivate or challenge you to respond with full devotion to Jesus rather than obligation?



Concluding Question

Have you committed to surrendering things to Jesus and for the sake of following Him well before, but fell short? What is one thing you could do this time to better follow through? Could, and if so how could, committing to Pray, Go, and/or Give this coming year via the Heart Check: Come Follow Me campaign be an encouragement for such follow through.



Prayer

Take a Heart Check: Come Follow Me booklet and pick a ministry or two to read about and then pray over them. Also pray for next Sunday (Commitment Sunday) when all Campuses will be together at the McKinley Campus for either a 9am or 10:30am service.