

“The Cost of a Christ Centered Life”

Luke 14:25-35

The Cost of Discipleship

- I. Huge crowds followed Jesus and He challenged them. (V 25)
- * Jesus could not and will not have second best.
 - * Jesus would not and will not accept any place other than first place in a man’s life.
 - * Jesus makes it clear what it meant and what it means and what it will cost to be His disciple.
- II. A man must put Christ first:
Before family and even before himself. (V 26)
- III. A man must bear the cross of death:
Death to self. (V 27)
- IV. A man must give thought to discipleship:
Count the cost and the consequences. (Vs. 28-33)
- Illustration 1: A builder must count his resources.
- Illustration 2: A King at war – must count the consequences.
- V. A man must have the salt of discipleship: (Vs. 34-35)
- 1. A half-hearted choice.
 - a) Is worthless.
 - b) Is to be cast out.
 - 2. An invitation to hear. Each man must choose whether or not to listen.
 - 3. Results: Matthew 19:27-29