

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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Following King Jesus Requires a Calculated and Total Value Shift Luke 14:25-35

Review

- A life of sacrificial love results in heavenly reward. (vv. 14:12-14)
- Preoccupation dulls our appetite for God and excludes us from the Kingdom. (vv. 14:15-24)

Disciples shift their loyalties, social network, and aspirations to King Jesus.

Luke 14:25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, **26** “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Mark 10:29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel **30** will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

Disciples willingly accept the cost of loyalty to Jesus.

Luke 14:27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 6:22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

1. Failure to calculate the cost of following Jesus results in humiliating failure.

Luke 14:28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? **29** Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, **30** saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ **31** Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? **32** And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

Luke 8: 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

2. Failure to relinquish competing loyalties to follow Jesus results in fruitlessness.

Luke 14:33 *So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. 34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? 35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

Luke 8: 14 *The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.*

Reflection/Discussion

1. As a follower of Jesus, what are some costs and blessings you have experienced?
2. Is "counting the cost" part of the story of your life with Jesus? What factors did you take into account?
3. Knowing that Jesus wants his disciples to be successful, how does this passage encourage you in your own discipleship?
4. How does the description of Jesus in Hebrews 12:2-3 connect to his teaching in Luke 14:25-35? How are you encouraged?

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