

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

For Faith Groups and Further Study

Celebrate and Care:

1. What is something that happened this week that you are celebrating?
2. What is something that happened this week that is painful?

Learn, Grow, and Apply:

3. When you first heard the gospel and responded to its invitation to become an apprentice of Jesus, did you understand the cost of discipleship?
4. What does Jesus mean when He states that His apprentices should “hate” their family members otherwise they cannot be His disciple? How is that appropriate and not harsh?
5. Of the three conditions mentioned, which do you struggle with the most?
6. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being not at all and 10 being all in, how would you rank your level of commitment to paying the cost of apprenticeship as expected by Jesus as you understand Luke 14:25-33? What step(s) do think would help you move up in your commitment? What would that look like practically in your life?
7. How would you communicate and share the cost of apprenticeship to a friend or family member that you are courageously investing in?
8. For additional study on the cost of discipleship consider reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book “The Cost of Discipleship” where he contrasts cheap grace from costly grace. Also, A.W. Tozer’s “Knowledge of the Holy” and “The Pursuit of God” are classics as it relates to growing in our commitment to apprenticing Jesus.

MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

The Joy of Following Jesus - The Cost of Apprenticeship

The Big Idea: An ideal apprentice of Jesus is one who understands and is willing to pay the high cost of apprenticeship as he or she joyfully follows Him.

An _____ Love — Luke 14:26

An _____ Cross-Bearing — Luke 14:27

An _____ Surrender — Luke 14:33