

*It Started with Twelve #11*

## The Response of Discipleship

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

Luke 14:25-33

#### Sermon Outline

- I. Background (v. 25)
- II. Three Responses of a Disciple of Christ
  - #1: Priority of Jesus Christ in all Relationships including Oneself (v. 26)
  - #2: Public Identification of Oneself with Jesus Christ (v. 27)
  - #3: Willingness to Part with Possessions for the Sake of Jesus Christ (v. 33)
- III. Two Considerations
  - Consideration #1: Count the Cost (v. 28-30)
  - Consideration #2: Consider the Enemy (v. 31-32)

#### Discussion Questions

1. How do you show your appreciation to someone who has done great things for you?
2. Our Lord Jesus Christ in humility became one of us. He took the restrictions of the human body, suffered rejection and mockery from the very people he came to save, was separated from God the Father to bear our sins, and died a horrible death by crucifixion because of His love for us. How do you thank Him for what He did for you?
3. Read Luke 14:25-33. This passage gives us three responses of a disciple of Jesus Christ. The first response is found in verse 26, which is the *priority of Jesus Christ in all relationships, including your relationship with yourself*. Why did Jesus give this very strong directive in denouncing our natural affections in favor of following him? Does it really mean that we should neglect or hate our family? What does the passage tell us about how our commitment to God should be?
4. What are the things in your life that keep you from placing God as the number one priority in your life? How can we show our loyalty to Him?
5. The second response of discipleship is *public identification of oneself with Jesus Christ* (verse 27). Our natural response to God's love should be with

boldness and not being afraid to be associated with Him. How can you publicly identify with Christ? What do you tell the world about your association with Him?

6. When we identify with Jesus Christ, we must not shame His name. In what ways can a Christian shame the name of Christ? What makes Christians afraid to talk about God? How can we overcome our fears?
7. The third response of a disciple of Jesus is *willingness to part with possessions for the sake of Jesus Christ* (verse 30). Does this mean that we have to give up everything? How can our attitude hold us down in relation to following Jesus? What are some things you hold on to so tightly that it can be considered as "idols"? How do these "idols" affect your relationship with God? What are some things that you think you should give up so that God will be the top priority in your life?
8. There are two things we have to consider before we get into discipleship. The first one is to *count the cost* (verses 28-30). Some Christians would forsake their Christian life after a little while because they did not count the cost of commitment to Jesus Christ. What does counting the cost in following Jesus mean? In what ways do you find that the cost of discipleship seem too high? What could possibly happen if we don't count the cost first? Do you think it is worth paying the price to follow Jesus? Why?
9. The second consideration is to *consider the enemy*. How did the king in verses 31-32 determine his chances in a war? We are at war, but we already achieved victory through Jesus Christ. However, some are still losing the battles along the way because they did not consider the enemy. Who is our enemy and why should we not underestimate him? Describe how Satan can bring havoc to your Christian walk. Why should he not intimidate you?

### Walk

What is your response to Christ's call as you follow Him? In what aspect of your life can you have a purposeful effect for Him?

### Worship & Prayer

**Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony**

- Pray for a fruitful Spirit-led Youth Camp. the church anniversary play and musicale.
- Pray for blessings for the Footsteps of Paul Bible Study Tour. • Pray for healing & salvation of ND, AKU, MTT, Tan Teng Yong, LT, Mr.
- Pray for STEP classes to be effective in strengthening God's people in the Word. Wee, PAC, DPT, Lucina Tan, EG, MO, SY, Nathaniel.
- Pray for the ongoing rehearsals for of God's people in the workplaces.