**The Cost Of Being A Disciple**

Luke 14:25-35

Key Verse: 14:27 “And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

1. Why did Jesus make such a provocative statement in verse 26? What similarities do you find between Jesus’ words in verse 26 and with Scriptures which say that our relationship with God must be foremost? (Exodus 20:3,5; Matthew 6:24)

2. What does he mean by “hate”? (26; cf. Matthew 10:37-38) What does he mean by “Carry his cross”?

3. What do the two stories—“cost estimation for building a tower and a king’s plan for the war” have in common? (28-32) What kind of decision must one make if he would be Jesus’ disciple? (33)

4. Should every Christian be a disciple of Jesus? Why is it necessary?

5. How does one lose saltiness? (34-35; cf. Matthew 5:13)