

The Basics of Christian Discipleship Bible Study

Week Three

The Cost of Discipleship – Luke 14:25-33

Step One – Read the passage through slowly, taking time to really let it sink in. Maybe even read it a second time through before you move on. Circle or underline any words or phrases that jump out at you.

Luke 14:25-33

⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see 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 will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Step Two: Taking each word or phrase that jumped out at you, ask yourself:

- 1- What is happening in this story that makes these words/phrases meaningful in the story?
- 2- What is the Holy Spirit doing through these words in this story?

Step Three: Looking at each word/phrase and your response to each, ask yourself,

- 1- “What do I think these words/phrases say about God/Jesus?”
- 2- “What do I think these words/phrases say about the others in the story?”

Step Four: Now ask yourself:

- 1- “What do I think God is saying to me in each of these?”
- 2- “How do these words/phrases connect to each other?”
- 3- “How do these words/phrases connect to me and my life?”
- 4- “Why do I think God is speaking to me regarding this?”

Step Five: Pray, asking God to show you how you should respond to these insights from your study today.

Step Six: Make yourself a little note or reminder of some sort to help you work on this for the rest of the week.

Step Seven: Put the reminder in a place that will help you remember your discipline of working on this insight, like:

- 1- The Refrigerator door
- 2- Car dashboard
- 3- Bathroom mirror
- 4- Nightstand
- 5- Cellphone cover
- 6- Anywhere that will help you in your practice of your discipline.