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| **SERIES** | Discipleship 101 |
| **BIBLE** | Luke 14:25-35 |
| **TITLE** | Consider the Cost |
| **OVERVIEW** | Following Jesus has a high cost. And—according to Jesus Himself—that price tag is: “everything” (Lk. 14:33). Many of us enter into discipleship unto Jesus without truly coming to terms with what the cost of being a disciple actually is. We want both/and. And because of this, what God intended to be “salt” to the earth, a light on the hill, and a force that hell can’t stand against… instead becomes useless, laughable, and meaningless at best. So when Christ calls you to be a disciple… which did He intend? And why is the cost so high? Was it because what you gain is far better than you could even know? |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **Love That Looks Like Hate** (Lk. 14:25-27)  As Jesus starts to define this high cost, he gives us an unimaginable picture. Something that makes us cringe. In order to be a disciple of Jesus: you have to hate all of the people you love—even yourself. If you are unwilling to give up the throne of your heart to Him—so much so, that everyone around you thinks you’re crazy—than you don’t get it. People are going to claim that you hate them, because of the insane priority that you have given over to Jesus. This surrender goes even to the point of giving up your own dreams, wealth, and life.  **Don’t Dig Up What You Buried in Faith** (Lk. 14:28-30)  As you follow Jesus, there will be moments where you will question whether or not it is worth it. Being a disciple of Jesus means that you plant seeds in the ground, that you don’t dig up during doubt. Things that are so deep during seasons of wealth, that you survive the seasons of drought. God doesn’t give us more than we can handle, but as was already stated, He wants all of it. So, do we recognize the cost that is required to dig deep?  **It’s Not You—It’s Him** (Lk. 14:31-33)  The final example that Jesus gives is a strange story about an army that is far outnumbered. And the obvious answer that Jesus gives, is that the smaller army surrender. In the same way, the cost of following Jesus is so high, that we can’t do it in our own strength. It is not something you can work up to and make happen yourself. It starts with surrender. Full surrender. Giving Him “everything”. Then… He will be able to make a disciple.  **Salty?** (Lk. 14:34-35)  God’s intention is that we be the salt of the earth—by being a fully devoted, fruitful follower of Christ. And what is salt good for? Flavoring. Preserving. Sacrificing. Destroying. Fertilizing. |
| **GOSPEL** | **Matthew 5:13-16** – Let your light shine outwards.  **John 12:24** – Unless a seed dies, it cannot produce fruit. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Get mentored. Push for the first steps books (beyond just the blue book). |

\*\*references: God of All Things by Andrew Wilson – Chapter 16 “Salt”

\*\*quote: “Don’t dig up what you buried in faith” – Elizabeth Elliot