

# Take Up Your Cross (Luke 14:25-33)

*Bondservant – Part 1*

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*Matthew 10:25a (NASB) "It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master."*

*Luke 17:10 (NASB) "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"*

*Romans 6:16 (NIV) Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?*

*Matthew 25:23 (NASB) "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*

## 1. Understand what a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus does

*Luke 14:25 (NIV) Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:*

### 1A. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus more than anything

*Luke 14:26 (NIV) "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life-- he cannot be my disciple."*

### 1B. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus wherever He leads

*Luke 14:27 (NIV) And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."*

## 2. Count the \_\_\_\_\_ of being Jesus' disciple

*Luke 14:28 (NIV) "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"*

### 2A. Follow through on your \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 14:29 (NIV) For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him,*

### 2B. Others are \_\_\_\_\_ your life

*Luke 14:30 (NIV) saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'*

## 3. Consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus

*Luke 14:31 (NIV) "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?"*

### 3A. \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus' terms of peace

*Luke 14:32 (NIV) If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace."*

### 3B. Give up \_\_\_\_\_ to be Jesus' disciple

*Luke 14:33 (NIV) In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."*

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Intro. What does it mean for a believer in Jesus to be His disciple and slave (Matthew 10:25a)?

What point is Jesus making in Luke 17:10 regarding how His disciples should consider themselves?

In what ways is everyone a slave to one of two possibilities (Romans 6:16)?

How does the Old Testament law in Deuteronomy 15:12-17 illustrate what it means to be a bondservant of Jesus?

Why do you think that many modern translations usually translate the Greek word for slave (δουλος) as servant (see Matthew 25:23, compare NAS with NIV)?

1A. What is the difference between traveling with Jesus and being His disciple (Luke 14:25)?

1B. What does Jesus mean when He says you must hate your own family and life in order to be His disciple (Luke 14:26)?

1C. Describe what it means to carry your cross and follow Jesus (Luke 14:27).

1D. Why is following Jesus' plan for your life better than following your plan?

2A. Why is it important to count the cost of being Jesus' disciple before signing up (Luke 14:28)?

2B. Why do some people start following Jesus and then fall away (Luke 14:29)?

2C. What impact does a person not following through on their commitment to Jesus have on others (Luke 14:30)?

2D. What is the cost of being Jesus' disciple? Is it the same for everyone?

3A. In what ways do you represent the weaker king and Jesus the stronger king in Jesus' illustration (Luke 14:31)?

3B. What are Jesus' terms of peace for His enemies (Luke 14:32)?

3C. What does it mean to give up everything you have to be Jesus' disciple (Luke 14:33)?

3D. Ask God to show you if there is anything in your life that you have not yet given up for Jesus. How can you give it over to Jesus this week?