

Count the Cost of Following Jesus

Kingdom Principles – Part 7

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John 3:16 (ESV) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Matthew 28:19 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Luke 24:49 (ESV) And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Matthew 28:20 (ESV) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

1. No _____ to God’s invitation

Luke 14:16-17 (ESV) But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

Luke 14:18-20 (ESV) But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’

Luke 14:21 (ESV) So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’

Luke 14:22-24 (ESV) And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.”

2. Following Jesus costs _____

Luke 14:26-27 (ESV) “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:28-30 (ESV) For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’

Luke 14:31-32 (ESV) Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

Luke 14:33 (ESV) So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:34-35 (ESV) “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Weekly Healing Scripture

Mark 6:56 (ESV) And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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Intro. What does it mean to believe in Jesus (John 3:16)?

Why is water baptism of believers so important (Matthew 28:19)?

How is being Spirit baptized following Jesus' example (Luke 24:49, John 1:32-33)?

What should be your response to people around you who have not experienced the three marks of a follower of Jesus (Matthew 28:20)?

1A. Explain what the great banquet Jesus told about in Luke 14:16-17 means.

1B. What kind of excuses do people make today to avoid total commitment to Jesus (Luke 14:18-20)?

1C. Why would the poor, crippled, blind and lame be more receptive to the banquet invitation (Luke 14:21)?

1D. Why did those who made excuses to not attend the banquet not get a second chance (Luke 14:22-24)?

1E. What prevents you from compelling others to follow Jesus? What are some ways that you might compel others to follow Jesus?

2A. What does Luke 14:26-27 tell you about the value of following Jesus?

2B. How might someone not count the cost of following Jesus (Luke 14:28-30)?

2C. In what ways are we like the weaker king encountering King Jesus in the story in Luke 14:31-32?

2D. What does it mean to renounce all that you have to be Jesus' disciple (Luke 14:33)?

2E. How is salt like a follower of Jesus (Luke 14:34-35)? How could a Jesus' follower lose his saltiness?

2F. What things in your life have you been resisting giving to Jesus?