

DISCIPLESHIP

Read Luke 14:25-33. Jesus' call to people during his earthly ministry is still the same today, "Follow me". A disciple is one who learns by following. So a disciple of Jesus is one who learns to be like Jesus by following Jesus.

- According to these verses, what must a disciple of Jesus be willing to do?
 - verse 26: I must love Jesus more than family or self. (Remember, this kind of love is action, not feelings)
 - verse 27: I must carry my cross. (Be willing to lay down my life for him)
 - verse 28: I must count the cost of following Jesus. (Decide if I am serious enough to follow Jesus and live for him in righteousness all the days of my life)
- Do you think these characteristics in Luke 14 are external actions, internal attitudes, or both?
Why?
- What actions characterize the lives of His disciples according to Jesus?
 - John 8:31-32 a person who is committed to obey Jesus' teachings
 - John 13:34-35 a person who is committed to love other people like Jesus did
 - John 15:7-8 a person who is committed to bearing fruit for Jesus by abiding in His word
 - What kind of fruit does a disciple bear?
 - Galatians 5:22-26 – fruit of the Spirit
 - Colossians 1:3-6 – spreading the good news to others everywhere
 - Colossians 1:9-12 – growing in the knowledge of God
- Would Jesus consider me His disciple at this point in my life?
 - If "yes", where can I be a better disciple?
 - If "no", what do I need to change to become his disciple?
- Jesus' standards for His disciples are very high. Why do you think He sets them that high?

Passages to read before our next Bible study:

Matthew 4:17-25	Jesus calls people to follow Him as His disciples
Luke 5:1-11	Jesus calls Peter to follow Him and fish for men
Mark 14:27-72	Peter struggles with his commitment as a disciple
John 21:1-19	Jesus accepts Peter back after he sinned
Matthew 28:18-20	Jesus gives the command to make disciples everywhere