

COUNTING THE COST

Introduction: Do you have any questions from the previous studies?

- Why do you want to be baptized?
- Luke 14:25-34
 - There are two main points of this passage.
 - It tells us to love Jesus with an unrivaled love. This means that we will not let anyone or anything hinder our commitment to God.
 - It tells us who cannot be a disciple of Jesus
- 2 Peter 2:20-22
 - This is a warning against falling away from the truth once you have received it. You actually can end up in worse shape by becoming a Christian and then going back into sin.
- Some of the following are common temptations for Christians. As we count the cost of following Jesus it is good to ask ourselves these questions.
- Am I willing to...
 - follow Jesus even though there may be conflict in my closest relationships?
 - Husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, boyfriend, girlfriend (Matthew 10:34-39)
 - Even if it costs the relationship?
 - give up any relationship that influences me away from my commitment. (II Corinthians 6:14-18)
 - change anything that would hurt my Christian example and that keeps me from doing God's will and being the person God wants me to be. (Racism, job, hobbies, recreation, bad habits, bad language, smoking, unethical business dealings, etc.) (Hebrews 12:1-4)
 - be involved in the fellowship of church assemblies? (Hebrews 10:25)
 - submit to spiritual authority? (Hebrews 13:17)
 - be discipled and to make disciples? (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - submit my future goals and plans to God's will? (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

Passages to read before our next Bible study:

Matthew 19:25-30