

Questions I Would Ask If Following Jesus Luke 14:25-27

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1. "I'll take ... you." Those are the favorite words of afternoon football.
2. Following Jesus isn't quite the same as playing football in the front yard.
 - a. Many people hesitate to say "yes" when they hear that Jesus has invited them to become His follower.
3. We all respond to Jesus in some way. Some pretty typical responses are: denial, derision, despair or desire.
4. If I were thinking about following Jesus, I would ask some of these questions.

I. Why Would Jesus Want Me?

- A That can be a very overwhelming thought. Jesus wants me to follow him.
- B When you read what the gospels have to say about Simon, it appears that he and Jesus had spent quite a bit of time together before Simon finally said "yes."
- C And if we're honest with ourselves, everyone of us will admit that we, too, have experienced that same conviction.

II. Will I Be Able to Do What Jesus Asks?

- A Many people hesitate when it comes to considering the possibility of becoming a Christian.
- B Do you know what Jesus would say to you? **Matthew 11:28-30** "Come to Me."
- C So, if Jesus were standing here this morning, he would also say, "take my yoke."

III. What Happens When I Fail? (Will God Reject Me?)

- A This question reveals how frustrated we become with our behavior.
- B God deals with people as exemplified by two prominent Bible figures.
 1. The story of a king who failed.
 2. The story of a friend who failed.
- C God doesn't base His relationship with His children on perfect performance.

IV. If I Follow Jesus, Where Will This Road Take Me?

- A This decision is really counter cultural. And we know that.
- B The road of life leads to the best existence one can enjoy.
- C What is the cost of following Jesus? "Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." **Luke 14:27**
 1. First of all you must submit your life to Jesus.
 2. After that, you must follow Him in obedience.
 3. Then you must let Jesus change you over time.