

Come At All Cost, But Count The Cost
Luke 14:25-35

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1. The main responsibility Jesus left us was to make disciples. Making disciples is a long, disciplined process.
 - a. There is no such thing as an instant disciple.
 - b. A disciple is a learner; a pupil; one who comes to be taught.
2. In Luke 14, Jesus was getting closer and closer to the cross. People were following Jesus for different reasons; some were not the best of reasons.
3. In our text, it seems that Jesus is intentionally saying things to get rid of people.
 - a. In this passage, Jesus gives five images to be used to teach a lesson about discipleship.

I. A Family: We Are To Love Jesus Totally. Luke 14:26

- A. The first image Jesus uses is a family.
- B. To be a disciple, you must love Jesus more than you love your family.
 1. **Matthew 10:22, 37**

II. A Cross: We Are To Die To This World. Luke 14:27

- A. A real disciple is someone who carries his cross.
- B. Today, the cross is just a harmless piece of jewelry.
 1. **Galatians 2:20; Galatians 5:24**

III. A Tower: We Are To Count The Cost. Luke 14:28-30

- A. Jesus presents the image of a man who plans on building a tower.
- B. The good news is that none of you are finished yet.

IV. A War: We Are To Surrender To The Stronger King. Luke 14:31-33

- A. In this image, Jesus describes two kings.
- B. You cannot be a disciple unless you are willing to give up control of your life to Jesus.

V. Salt: We Are To Preserve Purity. Luke 14:34-35

- A. Salt was very valuable during Jesus' time.
 1. **Matthew 5:13**
- B. The problem Jesus identified is that some people have lost their saltiness.