

# I Will Build My Church

## Sunday, May 21, 2017

**Luke 14:25-35**

### Introduction

**Focus Point – “To be a disciple of Jesus Christ, we must consider the cost and put Him above everything else.”**

#### **I. Following Christ Superficially**

v.25 – *“Now great crowds accompanied him...”*

Jesus is NOT impressed with crowds! He is constantly breaking away from them and going to another city or going to rest and pray.

#### **II. The Cost of Discipleship (v.26-33)**

We must consider the cost of following Jesus. Being a Christ-follower or disciple is a decision that demands the utmost seriousness and commitment.

a) We must ‘HATE’ our families and our own lives! (v.26)  
Jesus is using some harsh language to make a point.

*“The language of the apodosis is absolute: if one does not make Jesus the first priority, one cannot be his disciple.” D. Bock*

b) We must BEAR our own cross and PURSUE Jesus (v.27)  
It means that we accept the death of our own self-directed life, die to ourselves daily, and be willing to face whatever consequences that come (Luke 9:22-26).

c) Stories that DEMAND a response (v.28-32)  
Both drive home the point that you must ‘count the cost’ in following Jesus, because it WILL cost you everything!

d) We must RENOUNCE everything (v.33)  
Jesus wants us to say farewell to all that we have and love. EVERYTHING!

*“The distinctive property of disciples is the abandonment with which they put aside all competing securities in order that they might refashion their lives and identity according to the norms of the kingdom of God.” Michael Green*

#### **III. Stay SALTY My Friends! (v.34,35)**

To be useful, salt must stay salty! How terrible to be thrown away by God when one could have been used by him.

So consider the cost and have the resolve of a disciple who fully pursues God. Jesus’s call is to hear the warning and respond with faithfulness.