



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 14:25-35 (NAS)

Topic: "Counting the Cost of Discipleship"

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25 Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,
26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and
children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.
27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.
28 "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and
calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?
29 "Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it
begin to ridicule him,
30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'
31 "Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down
and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one
coming against him with twenty thousand?
32 "Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of
peace.
33 "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own
possessions.
34 "Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be
seasoned?
35 "It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears
to hear, let him hear."

I. SELF-EVALUATION

- A. Are You Committed To Christ?
- B. Does Your Life Demonstrate That Commitment?

II. IS SALVATION FREE OR COSTLY?

- A. It Is Free *John 4:14; 6:35*
- B. It Is Costly *1 Corinthians 6:19, 20*
- C. These Seemingly Opposed Truths Do Fit Together

III. TWO TYPES OF CHRISTIANS?

- A. Carnal Christian
- B. Committed Christian
- C. Christ Recognized Only The Letter *Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 1:6; Matthew 7:23; Titus 1:16*

IV. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

- A. Hate Family and Self *Ephesians 5:29; Ephesians 6:1*
- B. Evaluate The Cost: Two Parables
- C. Poverty For Christ *Matthew 6:24*
- D. Those Who Do Not Serve Him Are Worthless