
Count the Cost

Purpose

To review what it means to follow Jesus.

Q: Why do you want to become a disciple of Jesus?

Cost of Comfort

Luke 9:57-58

Q: What is a hole to a fox or a nest to a bird?

- Jesus found comfort and security in God alone.

Q: What are some areas you put your comfort and security in?

Q: What are some areas of following Jesus that challenge your comfort?

- Sharing your faith
- Being open and vulnerable
- Willingness to give time and money (Malachi 3:6-12)

Cost of Responsibility

Luke 9:59-60

Q: What was most important to this man? What was most important to Jesus?

- Jesus says that proclaiming God's kingdom is our greatest responsibility.

Q: What are some of the responsibilities that you have in your life?

- School, work, family, friends, etc.

Q: What does it look like to put God first in these areas of your life?

Cost of Relationships

Luke 9:61-62

Q: Why would Jesus question this man and his decision to go back and say goodbye to his family?

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- Relationships can influence the focus and direction of our lives.

Q: Are there any relationships in your life that could potentially pull you away from God? Boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife, family member, friends, etc. (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

- We need three levels of relationships to grow spiritually: someone to *mentor* us, someone to *walk with* us and someone to *invest* in.

Sin and Grace

1 John 1:5-10

Q: How do you continue to walk in the light after you sin?

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

- You are a new creation! The old is gone, the new has come.

Closing Questions

- What are some of the things that you admire most about Jesus? What does the cross mean to you?
- Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God? Are you willing to make it the standard for your life?
- What is your understanding about baptism? Is there anything you want to get open about before you get baptized?
- Are you prepared to be fully committed to God's family, the church? Do you have any questions or concerns about the meetings of the body?

Conclusion

- Jesus is not another good thing you are adding to your busy life. He will be the first, the center and the Lord of your life. (Ex. Wedding Vow)