

Luke 14: 25-35

A war of Loves



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 14:25-35

1. Read Luke 14:25-35. In 14:25 Jesus turns to the crowds and addresses them. Three times he says “You cannot be my disciple ...” (14:26, 27, 33). What disqualifies a person from being a disciple of Jesus in each of 14:26, 14:27, and 14:31-33?
2. In 14:34-35 Jesus speaks about salt that has lost its saltiness. What was salt used for in the 1st century? What is the main point Jesus is making here?

The Scriptures – Luke 14:25-35 as a portion of the Scriptures

3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. These are God’s word through Moses to the people of Israel. What does God command? Is it reasonable? Is Jesus asking for the same wholehearted worship?
4. Read the passage in Matthew 10:37-39 in which Jesus is also teaching about the cost of discipleship. Compare and contrast it with Luke 14:26-27.
5. The NT letter writers no longer used the word “disciple” to describe those who put their faith in Jesus? What did they call them? Why is the word ‘disciple’ not found in books such Romans and Ephesians? James and Hebrews? Read and discuss Ephesians 1:1-2 and Colossians 2:6-7.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 14:1-24 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. How should our singular devotion to Jesus shape all of our life in every area of our life? Share with one another some ways in which you are learning to love Jesus more and more and some struggles that you are having in this regard.
7. How can we pray for you as you seek to live “in Christ” across all the areas of your life?

