

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

Luke 14:25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: **26** "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. **27** And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 10:37

Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me;

Luke 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **24** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. **25** For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

Luke 14:33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.**34** "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? **35** It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. **25** For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Other Passages: Ex. 20:2-4, Eph. 2:4, John 12:23-28, 2 Cor. 5:17

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. When have you experienced tension between following Jesus and pleasing others (family, friends, career, etc.)?
2. How does Luke 14:25–27 connect with Jesus' other teachings about denying yourself (Luke 9:23, Matthew 10:37)?
3. How does understanding what Jesus has already done for us (Exodus 20:2; Ephesians 2:4–5) motivate us to surrender everything to Him?
4. What is the difference between seeking *relief and rescue* versus seeking *to glorify God*?
5. What is one area of your life where God may be calling you to “hate your life a little more”—to let go of control and trust Him more fully?
6. If Jesus looked at your life right now, what might He say is your “first love”?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS