

## **The Cost of Following Jesus**

Salvation is the gift of God, discipleship costs!

Jesus' desire is that people WILL follow Him -

but He wants them to think it through first . . . to count the cost involved . . .

so that once they DO follow Him they'll never turn back.

the cost is the cost . . . it's non-negotiable . . . and they MUST be prepared for it

### **I. THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS HAS NO EARTHLY SECURITY. Luke 9:57-58**

That is a bold statement! *"I will follow you WHEREVER you go!"*

Jesus replies that to follow Him "WHEREVER He's going" will not be easy.

#### **Philippians 2:6 Amplified**

When Jesus left His throne in glory to come to the earth and live and die for us,

He left behind all that He had.

Those who follow Him must be prepared for the same road.

If you're going to follow Jesus - and walk His road - **it may well cost you everything!**

**SO, COUNT THE COST!**

### **II. THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS HAS NO EARTHLY TIES. Luke 9:59-60**

Here is a conversation that shocks many people! It seems like a reasonable request!

The point Jesus makes here, and let no-one mistake it, is:

If you're going to follow Jesus Christ:

**The claims of His Kingdom come before ANYTHING and ANYONE else.**

The follower of Jesus has no ultimate earthly ties!

Jesus says: **"LEAVE IT BEHIND!"**

**HIS CALL COMES FIRST!** No excuse must be allowed to hinder us.

### **III. THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS HAS NO EARTHLY DISTRACTIONS. Luke 9:61-62**

What is Jesus saying? **"DON'T LOOK BACK!"**

Some have looked back when God called them forward.

LOT'S WIFE; DEMAS; JUDAS ISCARIOT

Are any of them remembered for any GOOD thing?

They were not worthy of the Kingdom.

Another way Jesus put it was like this:

**Luke 14:28-30 and Proverbs 20:25**

The true follower of Jesus allows **NO EARTHLY DISTRACTIONS.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

With such a great COST, You might say, "Who would ever consider following Him?"

To answer that, we should briefly consider the **COST OF NOT FOLLOWING HIM!**

- ETERNAL LIFE

- NO GUIDANCE (or meaning) IN THIS LIFE.

- NO OPPORTUNITY TO GLORIFY GOD