

COUNT THE COST

Luke 14:25–35

Key Verse: 14:33

1. What does Luke describe (25a), and why might these people have been doing this? What does Jesus say to them (26), and what does he mean by “hate”? Why do you think Jesus tells them this?
2. What else does Jesus say to the crowds (27), and what does he mean by “bear his own cross” and “come after me”? How is this teaching related to verse 26? What do his repeated words “cannot be my disciple” mean (26,27,33)?
3. What does Jesus want us to learn from the man building a tower (28–30)? From the king considering war (31–32)? How do these illustrations help us better understand following him practically?
4. What is Jesus’ conclusion (33), and what does the word “renounce” mean? Why does he say “all that he has”? What does this say about being a disciple of Jesus? How can we apply this to our own lives today?
5. What final words does Jesus give (34–35), and in light of verses 26–33, what is the “saltiness” he wants us to have?