

Sermon Outline

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1. Unless you hate your family, you cannot be His disciple (v26)

- "a disciple of Jesus _____ "

2. Unless you carry your cross and follow Jesus, you cannot be His disciple (v26)

- "a disciple of Jesus _____ "

Lk 9:22 And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." 23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

"When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*)

3. Unless you give up everything, you cannot be His disciple (v33)

- "a disciple of Jesus _____ "

Lk 9:51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

Q. When is a disciple not a disciple? (vv34-35)

- are you a fellow-traveller or a faithful follower?

1 Cor 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Bible reading

Luke 14:25-35

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**.

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 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. "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

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