

The Cost of Following Jesus

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Luke 14:25-35

Question # 1-What is the identity of the original audience? (25)

Question # 2-What is the problem question or circumstance that prompted the parables? (26-27)

What does he mean by **hating one's own family**?

What does he mean by **hating their own lives**?

What does he mean to **carry their own cross**?

Luke 9:23

Question # 3-What is the natural meaning of the parables?

Parable # 1-The reasonable builder (28-30)

Parable # 2-The sensible king (31-33)

Parable # 3-The salt losing its flavor (34-35a)

Question # 4-What is the main point of each parable?

The builder-

The king

The salt

Question # 5-What is the actual or intended response of the hearers?

Question # 6-What interpretation did Jesus give the parables?

A closing challenge (35b)

Questions for discussion

1. What do you think hinders us (as believers) today from focusing on seeking the kingdom of God first? (Matthew 6:33)
2. What are some constructive things that we might do to encourage ourselves to seek the kingdom of God first?