

How To Grow as a Believer & Follower of Jesus

Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm

Begins August 2



LESSON 13 – How Bad Do You Want It?

Do you want to grow spiritually? Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus? Do you want to be an important part of God's work on Earth? I'm sure that every believer would say "yes"—but not every believer grows. Not every believer becomes an obvious disciple of Jesus. Not every believer is deeply used by God to further His kingdom.

So we close this section of our Wednesday night class with the modified questions, "How bad do you want it?" "How much are you willing to give up for it?" "Are you willing to pay the cost?"

Tonight's Bible Verses

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "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. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

"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? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

"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? 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. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Luke 14:25-33, NIV

Teachings From Today's Verses

1. Jesus doesn't just want us to be part of the c _____; he wants us to be a d _____.
2. Jesus said not e _____ who w _____ discipleship gets it.
3. Jesus said the c _____ is huge. Following Jesus must be more important than f _____ and our own l _____.
4. Jesus taught that being a disciple is n _____.
5. Jesus said we should t _____ before we commit to discipleship. He gives two examples:
 - a. A b _____ costs big money. Do you have it?
 - b. A b _____ costs many lives. Ending it early is also c _____. What's your decision?

A Similar Passage – Luke 9:57-62

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Questions & Decisions To Make

1. Be h _____ about l _____. Include family, money, relationships, health, length of life, adventure, bucket list, etc. Can you h _____?
2. How much are you w _____ (in dollars, time, risk, etc.) in order to f _____?
3. Where do you g _____?

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