

A Place Where Privilege Brings Responsibility

Luke 14:25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters — yes, even his own life — he cannot be my disciple. 27 And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? 29 For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not 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, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. 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. “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

What We Will Learn in this Series

1. The church is a body of people who need the _____ and also need _____.
2. Quality relationships are the key to _____ people for Jesus and the key to _____ in our walk with Him.

The Setting

_____ crowds were _____ with Jesus.
Luke 14:25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:
Luke 12:1 Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.
Luke 11:29 As the crowds increased, Jesus said, “This is a wicked generation. It asks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.

The Problem with crowds –

Acts 19:32 The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there.

A Reminder of what we already learned:

Luke 13:24 “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.

If You Are Truly A Follower of Jesus . . .

1. You have _____ your love and found it _____.

Luke 14:26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters — yes, even his own life — he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 16:13 “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”

2. You have _____ your cross and found it _____.

Luke 14:27 And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

3. You have _____ the cost and consider it a _____.

Phil. 3:8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

4. You have _____ all and consider it _____.
Luke 14:33 In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

You have chosen not to safeguard any cherished _____.
You have chosen not to _____ any earthly possession.
You have chosen not to _____ to any secret self-indulgences.

There Are Two Kinds of Salt

Luke 14:34 “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. “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Good salt _____ lose its saltiness.

Good salt adds _____.

Good salt _____.

Good salt _____.

Bad salt _____ like good salt but it has no _____.

The Application

Luke 14:35 . . . “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

If you understand what I am saying, do something about it!