



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of March 19, 2023

Sermon Text *Luke 14:25-35*

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. 34 “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? 35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

If you were not able to listen to this week’s sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1>.

Discussion Questions

1. How can the gift of salvation be free, and yet the cost of discipleship be so high? Is this a contradiction? Explain.
2. What do you think Jesus means, when He says we must hate our parents, our spouse, our children and siblings, if we are to follow Him? Why do you think Jesus expects that our relationship with Him must be first and foremost? Is Jesus an egomaniac?
3. What does it mean to bear your own cross and follow Jesus? Is it possible to be “cool” in the world’s eyes and still be a disciple of Jesus? How is “cross bearing” actually liberating for the Christian...in other words how does it set you free?
4. Jesus calls His disciples to count the cost of following Him. According to v.33, what does it “cost” to follow Jesus? How do you feel about this? Are you willing to pay this cost?
5. In v.34-35, Jesus compares tasteless salt to a worthless disciple. Is Jesus being too harsh? Is it even possible to follow Jesus? What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate to us?