

Sermon Notes

"The Cost of Discipleship"
Luke 14:25-35

1. True Discipleship will Cost Your Family (vv. 25-26a)

2. True Discipleship will Cost Your Life (vv. 26b-27)

3. True Discipleship will Cost Your All (vv. 28-33)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, and Ryan Webb

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ASHLYN* (last name withheld for security)
Ashlyn is just finishing up a two-year apprenticeship with her sending agency in North Africa. She worked closely with our supported missionaries, Tom and Jane, getting a taste of mission work in her host country. Because of COVID-19 much of their ministry changed, though they continued to love on the people in their host country. Ashlyn had to wrap up her apprenticeship a month early because of the recent breakout of the Delta variant of COVID-19. She is now back in the US enjoying a much needed rest and reconnection with family and friends. We are thrilled to learn that she has accepted an opportunity to return to North Africa with Tom and Jane as a long-term missionary. This will most likely happen sometime in 2022 as she will need to raise additional funds. Pray that God will give her the rest she needs as well as connections with future partners in ministry. Pray that God will continue to give her a heart for her host country.

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer on Tuesday, August 3 at 12:00 pm in the Chapel as we set aside this day for fasting and praying for the Family.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend live or Zoom Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
- Visit rivermont.org/zoom to find live and online adult Discipleship groups.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class in September. Learn more at rivermont.org/gtkr.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, August 1

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
- 9:45 am College Hour
- 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, August 2

- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)

Tuesday, August 3

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Fasting & Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Sunday, August 8

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
- 9:45 am College Hour
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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ORDER of WORSHIP

August 1, 2021

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hasten the coming of Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and draw the whole world into willing obedience to Your blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ, and cast low every power that is exalted against Him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars among the nations, and let your Spirit rule in the hearts of all people in righteousness and love. Grant power to the preaching of your Word, build up Your Church throughout all the earth, and may Your kingdom advance and increase, as people of every nation turn away from dead idols to worship You, the true and living God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. John Innes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 42:1-5 (responsively)

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #647

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

ST. PETER

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"There Is a Redeemer" (v. 2)

GREEN

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:25-35 (page 874)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Cost of Discipleship"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.**

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Vicky Pogue, soloist

"My Worth is Not In What I Own"

Getty and Kendrick

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.

But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.

But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer – greatest treasure, well-spring of my soul.

I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by.

But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.

But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.

My value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross.

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #650

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

MY REDEEMER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Reception of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"Psalm 117"

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And let His glorious name be sung, in every land, by ev'ry tongue!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His word!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ye nations, sound from shore to shore, Jehovah's praise for evermore!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:

"Te Deum"

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.

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