

DISCIPLE | RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP

Luke 14:25-33

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I Our identity as disciples of Jesus is meant to shape every aspect of our life.

II A disciple is a follower of Jesus who lives their life to glorify God and influence others. *Galatians 2:20*

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I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

A Live like Jesus: Imitate Him in every way. 1 John 2:6

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Whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.

B Love like Jesus: Lay down our life for the good of others. John 15:13 / Philippians 2:1-8

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Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

C Lead like Jesus: Leverage our influence for Gospel impact. Matthew 5:13-16

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

III The Difficult Truth about Discipleship *Luke 14:25-33*

Luke 14:25

Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them

- A Not everyone who appears to follow Jesus actually does follow Him.
Luke 14:25

John 6:66

After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him.

Luke 14:26

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.

- B Discipleship requires a drastic reordering of our priorities.
Luke 14:26

Matthew 22:37-39

And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 14:27

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

- C Discipleship requires a radical dying to self.
Luke 14:27

Luke 9:23

If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Galatians 2:20

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So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

IV The cost of discipleship is everything! *Luke 14:33 / Galatians 2:20*