

## PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- Have you ever made a decision that cost you something big? Write/Tell about that experience and how you made the decision.
- **Read Luke 14:25-35.** What do you think Jesus means when He says to “hate” your family? Why do you think He uses such strong language?
- Jesus is upfront about what it costs to follow Him. In general, do you think the church is upfront about this cost too? Why or why not?
- Imagine sharing the Gospel with your “one” (one person who is close to you but far from God). How would you share the cost of following Jesus with him/her? How would you feel in sharing this cost?
- Consider the parables Jesus tells. What point do you think He is making here?
- Coming to Jesus is free, but following Him costs everything. What types of things or people do you fear losing in this world?
- What do you think it will cost you to follow Jesus? Make a short, specific list. Is there anything you are not willing to pay?
- How does your love for Jesus impact your daily choices – behaviors, thoughts?
- **Read Matthew 16:21-27.** Jesus repeats His teaching after Peter corrects Jesus. What do you think Peter was concerned with? Why does Jesus correct Peter?
- What does Jesus add to His teaching here that wasn’t in Luke 14?
- What do you think Jesus means by “whoever wants to save His life with lose it”? From these passages, what is the difference between superficial and genuine discipleship?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Luke 15:1-32. What connections do you see between Luke 14 and Luke 15?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- Take a few minutes to share where you are with praying for and sharing the Gospel with your "one" (one person who is close to you and far from God).
- **Read Luke 14:25-35.** This is probably one of the hardest statements that Jesus says. What do you think makes it so hard for people to hear?
- Jesus taught that we are supposed to love our enemies and our neighbors. So, what could Jesus mean by "hate" your family? Why do you think He uses such strong language here?
- What does Jesus mean by "bear your cross"? What might this look like today – at work or school or home?
- What do you think it would cost you to follow Jesus? Be specific about your own life.
- What is one thing that if Jesus told you to give it up, would be the hardest for you to let go of?
- How does someone's love for Jesus affect their actions and thoughts?
- How would you share the cost of following Jesus with "your one"? How would you explain that the cost is worth it?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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