



“If you continue in My word,  
then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

## Disciples Count the Cost

In this lesson we are going to look at Luke 14:25-35 where Jesus uses more of His stories and illustrations to help us to “count the cost” of being His disciple. Wise rulers and builders always determine beforehand if they have the resources to complete an important initiative or project; how much more important is it for us to do so in the matter of our relationship to Christ and His eternal Kingdom!

“And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, ‘If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, ‘This man began to build, and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.’”

- Luke 14:25-35

What do you think Jesus meant when He said we need to “hate” our father, mother, children, brethren, etc. in verse 26?

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Why do you think Jesus had both the builder and the king sitting down as they counted the cost of their projects?

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What do you think it means to forsake all that you have?

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What do you think is the significance of the last 2 verses about salt in relation to the rest of the story Jesus told?

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### Doers of the Word

Is there anything in your life that is hindering you from being Jesus’ disciple?

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**Study for Next Week:** John 14:21-23 – John 15:7-11

“...And you shall know The Truth,  
and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

