

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

January 18-24, 2009

Key Idea of the Week:

Jesus warned people to ‘count the cost’ before following Him in the first place. Why did He do this? What does it mean to ‘count the cost’ and what sacrifice is there in following Jesus?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Luke 14:25-33.

Discuss

Notice in verses 25-27, it seems that Jesus is trying to dissuade people from following him. Is He? Why is He demanding that they ‘hate’ their lives before following Him?

What types of things are we called to give up in order to follow Jesus, besides our family?

Have you ever had to choose between following loved ones and following Jesus? Explain.

Verses 28-32. Why shouldn’t you start to build a tower or pick a fight that you aren’t prepared to finish? How do we sometimes do that with Jesus?

Are you aware of a time in your life that you did not obey His call and caved to another influence? Would you share that with the group?

Is anyone feeling tempted right now in their life to fail Jesus and submit to another’s wishes? How can the group support you?

Verse 33. Is there anything standing between Jesus and you in your life today? What might ‘giving it up’ look like for you? Can someone in the group hold you accountable (ask you about that) next week?

Pray for courage to act on what you’ve learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.