

Sermon Application Study

October 12, 2025

Target Passages → Luke 14:25-35

1. What does Jesus mean when he tells us to hate our family members and ourselves? Does this contradict what Jesus tells us elsewhere about loving others? Explain.
2. Why does discipleship require bearing one's own cross? Is there a form of discipleship that doesn't? Explain.
3. Explain what Jesus would have us consider before embarking on a life of discipleship?
4. What is "salt that has lost its saltiness" as it relates to discipleship?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → John 13:31-35, Matthew 19:23-30, 2 Corinthians 4:6-12

For Me →

1. Would you say that your devotion to and love for Jesus is greater than the love you have for anyone in the world? How do you know?
2. Why is Jesus' description of discipleship so important for the task of world missions?

For the Mission →

1. How much of what Jesus says here should be part of our evangelistic conversations with non-believers?
2. How do you feel about the idea of parting from family members, for the sake of Christ's kingdom, if it means going to (or sending to) places that are dangerous or far away?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to increase your love and devotion to Jesus to the point that all other loves pale by comparison. If there is something you feel is keeping you back from loving the Lord like this, pray about it.