



Sunday 21st June 2026

Luke 14:25-35 – The cost of discipleship

1. Carry your cross (v.25-27)

2. Build and fight for your faith (v.28-33)

3. Taste like Jesus (v.34-35)

Questions to discuss in our Growth Groups and personal reflection

1. Carry your cross (v.25-27)

Jesus' words about hating our families sound really harsh, don't they? What do you think he meant?

Why does he add that unless someone hates their own life, they cannot be his disciple?

So, in the light of these things, what does it mean for people to "carry their cross and follow me" (v.27)?

What does it look like to love Jesus more than anyone or anything else? *Are there particular areas of your life that you struggle to submit to Jesus?*

2. Build and fight for your faith (v.28-33)

Why do both building projects and war efforts need careful planning and consideration?

How do these 2 illustrations help us to consider the decision to be Jesus' disciple?

How intentional are you being about your relationship with Christ at the moment? How might Jesus' words be a prompt for you right now?

Think about those you know who once seemed to begin the Christian life but stopped. Was it because they hadn't considered what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? Pray that they might return to Jesus & understand his call.

3. Taste like Jesus (v.34-35)

What does salt do to food?

How can we be 'salty' people who taste like Jesus?

How might we be corrupted and lose our flavour? In what ways are you vulnerable and how can we pray for you?