

## Becoming a Disciple of Jesus Luke 14:25-35

### Everyone Needs a Role Model

My most important search in life:

*Finding someone who could tell me the meaning of life and what I should do to make the most of it.*

### Disciples Are Students

*At the time of Jesus, people were easier to find for learning than schools.*

*John, the Baptist, had disciples- Matthew 11:7*

*Paul studied under the teaching of Gamaliel- Acts 22:3*

*Jesus attracted many disciples because of the supernatural things He did and the amazing things He taught. The word disciple is used close to 290 times in the Gospels and Book of Acts.*

### Teachers Have Expectations

*There are differences in what it means to be an apprentice, intern, trainee, beginner, or student in contrast to a Teacher or Expert. We should expect Jesus to have expectations of those who would want to be His disciples.*

**John 6:60-68**

### Jesus Calls His Disciples to Be Like Him- Luke 14:25-35

1. **Learning from Jesus will require embracing Him as the most important relationship in our life. (14:26)**

*Prioritizing a relationship with Jesus above all earthly relationships is nonsense without knowing who He is.*

*(see Nathaniel- John 1:45-51 vs. Thomas 20:24-28)*

2. **Following Jesus will involve losses in this life necessary for us to become like Him. (14:27)**

*We may lose friends, jobs, and other things not anticipated because of our commitment to being like Jesus.*

3. **Following Jesus is a long-term investment likened to a building project to make us more like Jesus. (14:28-30)**

*Jesus knew that becoming like Him would take a lot of work and a lot of time that we need to anticipate and prepare for.*

4. **Following Jesus could involve a battle for everything we possess in this life. (14:31-33)**

*Jesus knew that becoming like Him will could cost us all we have worked for in this life.*

5. **We can be confident that being a disciple of Jesus will make our lives useful for God as was the life of Jesus. (14:26)**

*As salt gives flavor and preserves meat, being a disciple will give meaning to life and preserve the lives of people we meet.  
We will be salt in the world.*

### Becoming Like Jesus Takes Time

- **Step #1: Deciding to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn.**
- **Understanding that Jesus totally understands our weakness and inability to become like Him on our own.**
- **Knowing that Jesus is committed to working within our “innermost being” to produce Christ-like fruit in our lives.**

*Matthew 26:40-43; Mark 14:37-40; Luke 22:39-45*

*John 4:10-15; 7:37-39; Luke 8:4-15*

**“Life Groups” Week 2: Pick Up Info in the Courtyard.**