

## The Cost of Being a Disciple - Luke 14:25-35

**Topics:** Affections, Discipline, Family, Foundation, Listening, Risk

### Open It

- \* 1. How have you counted the costs recently before tackling a project at home or at work?
- 2. How much do people take into account the potential reaction of others when planning something?
- 3. In what way can a project fail before it starts?

### Explore It

- 4. Who was traveling with Jesus? (14:25)
- 5. What natural affections did Jesus denounce in favor of following Him? (14:26)
- 6. What does it take to be Jesus' disciple? (14:27)
- 7. What should a person consider before building a tower? (14:28)
- \* 8. What consequences result from not counting the cost before building? (14:29-30)
- \* 9. How did a king determine his odds in a war? (14:31)
  - 10. What would be the logical step if a king discovered his manpower was insufficient? (14:32)
  - 11. When would a king send a delegation to another king? (14:32)
- \* 12. How did Jesus use the examples of building a tower and preparing for war? (14:33)
  - 13. What can be done with salt that has lost its saltiness? (14:34-35)
  - 14. What phrase did Jesus use to compel the crowd to consider His words? (14:35)

### Get It

- 15. What does it mean to "hate" your parents, wife, children, siblings, and your own life?
- \* 16. How might the crowds have reacted to Jesus' terms of discipleship?
  - 17. How do most people react to Jesus' terms of discipleship?
  - 18. How possible do these conditions of discipleship seem to you now?
- \* 19. What costs do we need to count in responding to Jesus?
  - 20. What costs of following Jesus seem especially high to you?
  - 21. Why is it worth paying the price to follow Jesus?
  - 22. What are the properties of salt?
  - 23. How are we like salt?
  - 24. What is a person like who has lost his or her "saltiness"?

### Apply It

- \* 25. What relationships or other loyalties do you need to pray about to strengthen your loyalty to Jesus?
- 26. In what area of your life can you have a deliberate effect for Christ this week? How?