“MY DISCIPLES”

Luke 14:25–35

Key Verse: 14:33

1. How is the situation described? (25a) What did Jesus say to these people? (25b–27) Why would people be traveling with Jesus to Jerusalem but stop short of being his disciples? In what ways might we be like this today?
2. Who in our lives does Jesus mention? (26) How do his words here seem different from what he taught elsewhere? (10:27) Then what does he mean to “hate” these people, and even one’s own life? (cf. Mt10:37; Jn12:25) Why did he teach this? (see also 9:57–62)
3. Read verse 27. What example did Jesus set for us? (22:42; Jn19:17; 1Pe2:21–24) What is involved in carrying one’s own cross? (9:23–24; 6:22; 21:17; 2Ti1:8) Why do we try to avoid this? How can we really carry our cross and follow Jesus? (Heb12:1–3)
4. According to his illustrations (28–32), why do we need to count the cost of being Jesus’ disciple? What did he say is the ultimate cost? (Read verse 33.) Why do we tend to try to hold onto what we have? Why did Jesus challenge would-be followers in this way? How can we really accept this? (Php3:7–8)
5. Of what is salt losing its saltiness a metaphor? (34­–35) What should we learn from this warning?
6. Why is it so important to be a true disciple of Jesus? (6:20,46–49) Review what Jesus said that makes us his disciples (26,27,33). Which one is especially challenging to you?