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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01

Print the PDF.

-or-

02

Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03

Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of August 28th // Conversation: September 3rd
The Cost of Being a Disciple


This week we continue to look at another parable of Jesus. Remember a parable is a “fictional story revealing spiritual truth and the listener’s heart.” (Pastor Scott)

pray.

Before you begin your devotional, ask God to quiet your soul and open your mind to what He wants you to learn.

observe.

The word “disciple” comes from the Greek word “mathetes” and means: “a learner or pupil”.

- 01** Mark any reference to the words “Jesus” and “cross” with a cross. 
- 02** Underline the word “disciple.”
- 03** Circle all the relationships listed in the verses - father, mother, wife, children, son, etc.



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Luke 14:26-33

²⁶“If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? ²⁹ Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. ³⁰ They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’ ³¹ “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? ³² And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. ³³ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

Matthew 10:34-39

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Luke 18:25

In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

Philippians 1:20-21

²⁰ For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. ²¹ For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.



interpret.

01

In Luke 14:27 and again in Matthew 10:38, what does Jesus say we are to do if we are to be his disciple?

02

Make a list of all the relationships Jesus mentions in Luke 14:26-33 and Matthew 10:34-39. List any other relationships that you have that are not included in these two passages.



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03 What does Jesus say in Luke 14:33 and Matthew 10:39 say we need to give up in order to be his disciple?

04 Luke states, “it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than a rich person to get into heaven.” List some things in your life that make you “rich” not just monetarily (i.e. relationships, job, vacations, etc.)

apply.

01 Consider the **cost** vs. the **comfort** of giving up everything you own in order to follow Jesus. How would you respond if Jesus asked you to give everything up in order to follow Him?

02 What does Paul teach us in Philippians about the cost of following Jesus?

bring it together.

Jesus used this parable to teach his followers the cost of being a disciple. He used the word “hate” to compare the importance of our relationships with each other to the importance of our relationship with Him. Which one should be the most important?

Jesus paid the ultimate price for you - are you willing to do the same for Him?

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