

THE COST OF THE KINGDOM

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START THE CONVERSATION

REVIEW THIS WEEK'S SERMON. SHARE YOUR FAVORITE PART, POINTS YOU RELATED TO MOST, OR QUESTIONS WITH THE GROUP.

YOU ARE IN A NEW CITY. YOU DON'T KNOW ANYONE AND HAVE NO MONEY. WHERE WOULD YOU GO TO STAY FOR THE NIGHT?

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST EXCUSE FOR GETTING OUT OF A JOB, CHORE, OR HOMEWORK?

READ MATTHEW 8:18-22 TOGETHER AS A GROUP. AS YOU READ, MAKE NOTE OF ANY KEY PHRASES THAT STAND OUT OR ANY QUESTIONS THAT ARISE. THEN, USE THE QUESTIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES BELOW FOR GROUP DISCUSSION.

1 **BASED ON MATTHEW'S NARRATIVE SO FAR, WHY WOULD JESUS HAVE HAD SUCH A LARGE FOLLOWING?**

MATT 8:18

2 **JESUS DREW A CROWD, BUT HE WAS INTERESTED IN MAKING DISCIPLES. WHAT DOES AND DOESN'T A TRUE DISCIPLE OF JESUS LOOK LIKE?**

*MATT 8:18
JOHN 13:14-15
JOHN 13:34-35
GAL 6:10*

3 **JESUS MAKES IT CLEAR THAT FOLLOWING HIM IS COSTLY. WHAT IS THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS? HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO THE REWARD?**

*MATT 8:19-22
MATT 13:44-46
MARK 10:29-31
2 TIM 3:12*

4 **TODAY, WHAT MIGHT A HESITANT DISCIPLE POSTPONE FOLLOWING JESUS FOR? HOW DO YOU THINK JESUS WOULD RESPOND TO THAT WOULD-BE DISCIPLE?**

*MATT 8:21-22
LUKE 9:61-62*

5 **DO YOU TEND TO PRIORITIZE ANYTHING—FAMILY, COMFORT, WORK—ABOVE FOLLOWING CHRIST? WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN CONFRONT THIS IDOLATRY?**

*MATT 8:21
ROMANS 1:5*

RESPOND + PRAY

+WHERE IN YOUR LIFE ARE YOU PUTTING JESUS ON HOLD?

+FOCUS ON THANKING GOD FOR THE GIFT OF CHRIST, WORTH MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THIS LIFETIME

ON YOUR OWN: DIG DEEPER

THE BOOK OF 1 PETER WAS WRITTEN TO SUFFERING CHRISTIANS WHO 'COUNTED THE COST' OF THE KINGDOM.

READ 1 PETER THIS WEEK AND MAKE NOTE OF HOW THE BOOK ADDRESSES THE COST OF THE KINGDOM.

GROW FAITH. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS.