

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 8.18-22

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

The Jews had previously been living their lives as if God was simply the Maker of rules and regulations. But now, in seeing Christ, the "exact imprint" of God, they are being challenged, seeing that to follow Him, much more is required.

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THE OVER-ZEALOUS

First Man: He had zeal, but had not counted the cost. As a scribe, he had delusions of personal gain and grandeur. He may have wanted the Jewish version of the "Israeli Dream." He may have wanted his comfortable lifestyle, *and* Jesus.

**When Christ calls a man, He bids him,
"come and die with me."**

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

THE UNDER-ZEALOUS

The Second Man: This man, also one of His disciples, had already expressed an interest in following after Jesus, but it was the cares of the world, even good things in his life, that were of more value to him. He had the all-too-common response of, "when this or that happens, theeeeenn I will be able to *really* follow after Christ."

**We often make the mistake of making
"good things" into "god things."**

Luke 9.59-62

**The first call which every Christian experiences is the call to
abandon the attachments of this world.**

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

What do you most hope for in life? What is on your list of "things I hope to do or accomplish or receive" in this life? How would you complete the sentence, "I would be most satisfied in this life if I had or did..." What "dreams" for your life would be hardest to lay down?

Philippians 3.7-9 // Matthew 16.26 // Luke 14.25-33 // Luke 10.2, 3



NOTES:

Recommended Resources

Radical by David Platt

A great book on living the life of real, radical discipleship.

The Gospel Transformation Bible

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please Visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7th & 8th graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com or **John Hawthorne** at hawthorne-john@hotmail.com

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 8:18-22**. What verses stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Read **Matthew 16:24**. What two things does this verse say that you must do to follow Jesus? Does it sound like a suggestion or a command? _____

How are you currently "denying yourself?" How are you "picking up your cross" daily? _____

Read **1 Peter 3:18** and **1 Peter 4:1**. How does being reminded of the cross motivate and spur us to deny ourselves and pick up our cross? _____

Read **Luke 9:23-25**. Sometimes good things in life prevent us from honoring Jesus. Answer the question in verse 25 which says "For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?" Read **Matthew 8:18-22**. What verses stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Read **Matthew 10:38, 39** and **2 Timothy 3:12**. Which is more costly you think, answering Jesus' call to follow Him or not following Him wholeheartedly and why? _____

Read **Philippians 3:7-9**. Where are you holding back from God? _____

What are you afraid of that God will ask you to leave behind in order to follow Him? _____

What changes do you need to make in your life before you can follow Jesus 100%? _____

Pray for one another confessing any sin of not fully denying ourselves in order that we may find life.

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