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go and make disciples

"THE COSTLY PATH OF FOLLOWING JESUS"

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LUKE 14:25-33 ESV

Jesus unfolds the cost of being His disciple, so that each person would evaluate if they want to become His disciple.

1. Disciples follow Jesus.

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

John 12:25

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Isaiah 46:3-4

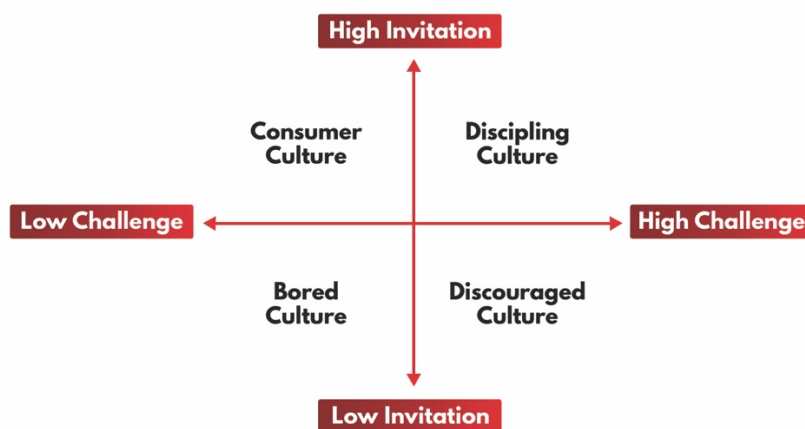
³"Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; ⁴ even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

Following Jesus costs more than anything—except not following Him.

Disciples are expected to follow Jesus and then they must wrestle with the cost.

2. Disciples pay the cost.

Christ died on a cross for our sins, not for our satisfaction. And He calls us to trust in Him, then follow Him with a life of self-denial.



²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

Jesus sets the cost out front to give expectation of each disciple who seeks to follow Him. Once the cost has been weighed, it must be paid.

3. Disciples make the sacrifice.

³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

In vv. 28-30 Jesus says, "Sit down and consider whether you can afford to follow Me." In vv. 32-33 He says, "Sit down and consider whether you can afford to refuse My demands."

³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

The cost of being a disciple of Jesus that makes disciples of Jesus... all.