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First Things First

Luke 14:25-35

Introductory Observations

- Our Primary RELATIONSHIP

vss. 25-27

- Our Ultimate DECISION

vss. 28-33

- Our Enduring MISSION

vss. 34-35

Closing Comments



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Go Deep Study Guide

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read [Luke 14:25-35](#). Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

What stands out to you in our passage? Is there anything that you find troubling? Share your observations

Does understanding the context of our passage help you process some of Jesus' difficult words? How so?

Read [Colossians 1:15-18](#) & [2:10](#). What do these passages reveal to us about Jesus? What is His place/rank in the universe? Does He hold this place in your life? Why, or why not? Are there things you could do to improve this?

What did Jesus mean by the phrase "[carry your own cross](#)" in [verse 27](#)? What does this mean for us today?

From the sermon, what is the [ultimate decision](#) that each of us must make (beyond salvation)?

What does it mean for us to [count the cost](#) of discipleship? How does the subject of [Christ's Lordship](#) fit into this?

What are some beneficial qualities of [salt](#)? What would it mean for us to be the spiritual equivalent of these?

Discuss the following quote by philosopher & theologian [Soren Kierkegaard](#),

"Those who only admire the truth will, when danger appears, become traitors. The admirer is infatuated with the false security of greatness; but if there is any inconvenience or trouble, he pulls back. Admiring the truth, instead of following it, is just as dubious a fire as the fire of erotic love, which at the turn of the hand can be changed into exactly the opposite—to hate, jealousy, and revenge. Christ, however, never asked for admirers. He consistently spoke of 'followers' and 'disciples.'"

Application

What's one way that you can practice what you've learned?

Who will help you & hold you accountable?

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to prayer@cbcventura.org

