

Counting the Cost

OPENING QUESTION: Are you ready to make Jesus King (*Lord and Savior*) of your life?

Luke 9:23-27 *Take up your cross daily.*

What does it mean to deny yourself? What do you personally see that you will need to deny in order to follow Jesus? What do you gain by surrendering all and following Jesus?

Luke 9:57-62 *Follow Jesus.*

Are you willing to follow Jesus wherever he leads you?
Are there any relationships that you value more than Jesus?
What excuses are you tempted to give as to why you can't follow Jesus now?

Luke 10:25-37 *Love God. Love people.*

What is the greatest command? Do you feel you (know how to) love God this way?
What do you think it means to love your neighbor as yourself? Are you willing to live and love sacrificially for God and others?

Luke 14:28-30 *Count the cost of following Jesus.*

Are you willing to follow Jesus and fish for (wo)men?
Are you willing to deny yourself daily?
Are you willing to put God above anyone and anything else?

Luke 14:31-33 *Count the cost of not following Jesus.*

Jesus is not willing to share his kingship with anyone or anything else:
Are you truly willing to let him be king of your entire life?
Is there any area of your life you are not willing to surrender to Jesus?
Don't wait: Make peace while you have time!

Personal Questions:

Why do you want to become a Christian?

Do you understand how to become a Christian? (Please explain it to me/us).

Faith, repentance, and baptism: this is how you declare your allegiance to King Jesus.

At your baptism, we will ask you two questions:

- 1) Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, that he died, was buried, and raised on the third day and now sits at the right hand of God? (*Yes, I do.*)
- 2) What is your good confession? (*Jesus is Lord!*) *Romans 10:9-13, Acts 22:16*