

Life Group Discussion Guide Unstuck

The Challenge of Commitment – Luke 14:25-35

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Main thought: Commitment has a cost, but so does the lack of commitment.

Outline:

- Count the cost
- Carry your cross
- <u>Prove</u> your <u>mettle</u>
- Worth your salt

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

<u>Ice-Breaker</u> (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

 Share about something you committed to, other than Jesus, that involved some sort of sacrifice and what that sacrifice was.

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

• How did you drop the stone of guilt and accusation against someone this last week?

Digging In (suggested time 15 min)

Allow several in your group to read Luke 14:25-35 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage or message?
- How do you reconcile the tension between the challenge here to hate father and mother with the command to honor your father and mother found in Ephesians 6:2-3?
- What things do we tend to put as priorities in our lives? How can we give Jesus a greater priority than those things?
- How do we sometimes minimize the concept of carrying our cross?
- Why do we say salvation is a free gift, but discipleship costs?
- What is the purpose of salt and how are Christ-followers like salt?



<u>Further Reflection</u> (suggested time 10 minutes)

- What kinds of things do you believe Jesus wants you to be committed to?
- Are there sacrifices you believe Jesus is asking you to make?
- Why can we trust all that we have and all that we are to Jesus?

<u>Application</u> (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Have you accepted the free gift of salvation that Jesus offers? You can receive it today!
- What things have become a higher priority in your life than Jesus? Surrender those back to Him.
- What does Jesus want you to commit to doing for His Kingdom and Glory?

Spend time gathering prayer requests, praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 20 minutes)