

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

BIG IDEA: FOLLOWING CHRIST INCLUDES COMMITMENT AND ACTION

Getting Started

Describe one of your favorite teachers in school.
What made him/her so effective?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. In vs.26, what do you think Jesus means when he uses the word "hate" in reference to one's family and life?
2. Do you think of Jesus as a tough teacher in this passage? Why or why not?
3. Why did Jesus use an example of a builder and a king to illustrate his point of counting the cost? How does it relate to following Him?
4. When has a family relationship or close friendship been a hindrance to your whole-hearted devotion to Christ?
5. What price have you had to pay to follow Christ? How hard or easy has this been for you?
6. Where might Jesus be calling you to go deeper in discipleship (becoming more like Him) this fall?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind today?

Prayer: Jesus, help us to dig in during these days and be the kind of students who listen well to your teachings. Thank you for pushing us and stretching us at times to grow. Help us to follow you with all of our hearts. Amen.

Going Deeper: Read Matthew 10:34-39, a related passage to the one we have looked at today from Luke. What similarities and differences do you see in what Jesus is saying?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?...Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able...? In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.'" Luke 14:25-28, 31,33