

## Discipleship: Three Conditions

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LUKE 14:25-35

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Bob and Ann Livesay met at Baylor University and married 43 years ago. After attending Dallas Seminary, they came to Houston to serve at Bethel Independent Presbyterian in 1974. In 1977, they founded Northwest Bible Church, in Spring, where they served for 25 years. Since then, Bob and Ann have been training nationals primarily in Southeast Asia with East West Ministries. When they are at home, they enjoy doing marriage and parenting conferences here in the USA and serving in their church, Faithbridge. They have authored "Life 101: Marriage Edition" and "Life 101: Parenting Edition." Bob and Ann have been blessed with a great family, Reed, Laura, Stephen, and their mates, who are serving the Lord in wonderful ways. And best of all....they are especially blessed with 8 grandchildren.

## ① EXAMINE His Word

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Luke 14:25-35

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

<sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

<sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?

<sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,

<sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

<sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

<sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness (tasteless), how can it be made salty again?

<sup>35</sup> It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

## ② EXPLORE His Word

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What does God MEAN?

1. Determine the phrase used repeatedly by Christ that unlocks the passage.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Does Christ say you cannot be a Christian or you cannot be His disciple?

3. In vs. 26, Christ calls us to hate specific people. Who are they? What does this mean for a follower of Christ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Put in your own words what it means to carry the cross in vs. 27.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Verse 33 says that one cannot be Christ's disciple unless he gives up all his possessions. What does He mean by this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How does salt become "tasteless" if it is true salt in verses 34-35?

## **③ EMBRACE His Word**

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Why does this MATTER to me?

### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

### **Sermon Notes**

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