

**Listening Guide**

Lesson Text: Luke 14:25-35

* We live in a culture that loves to approach life as a bunch of check boxes. Sometimes this concept has not been foreign to the church.
* We can be guilty of approaching worship as a check box item or a “going through the motions mentality”.
  + We can be outwardly doing all the right things, but inwardly experiencing no change.
* **LARGE CROWDS** were following Jesus. He almost seems to doubt their ability to fully understand what it means to be his disciple. Jesus enlightens them and speaks in a way that is a radically different way of living.
* Disciples and Christians are referred to as one and the same (Acts 11:26).
  + To be a disciple means to submit oneself to the teaching of that leader.
* **ARE WE WILLING TO COME TO JESUS ON HIS TERMS?**
* **Hate father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes even our own lives. If not, such a person cannot be a disciple of Jesus.**
  + **Love for Jesus is supreme. (Matthew 22:36)**
  + **Begrudging obedience does not exist in the life of a disciple of Christ.**
* **If we do not carry our crosses and follow Him, we cannot be His disciple**.
  + **The cross is a symbol of death. He call’s his disciples of die to self and live for Him.**
  + **Galatians 2:20**
* **Estimate the cost or consider whether you are able before you even decide to be His disciple. Jesus is begging you.**
  + **Don’t build unless you can finish**
  + **Baptism is only the beginning, not the end**
  + **Don’t go into war unless you are going to fight.**
* **Jesus requires His disciples to give up everything or you cannot be His disciple.**
  + **Matthew 19:16-24**
  + **Who are the Rich?**
    - **Over three billion people live on less than $2.50 a day**
    - **22,000 children die every day due to poverty.**
    - **1.1 billion people in developing countries have inadequate access to water and 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation.**
    - **Even if you’re stuck in the bottom 5% of the US income distribution your standard of living is about equal to that of the top 5% of Indians**.
  + **Hebrews 10:32-34**
  + **Hebrews 11:24-26**
* **Have you truly surrendered it All?**
  + **Have you come to Jesus on His terms or have you been living your Christian life on your terms?**
  + **1 John 2:28 – Be confident and unashamed at His coming**