Small Group Discussion Notes The Cost



Warm Up

What is one thing you would love to have/experience but the cost is too great?

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 14:25-35

How does the language of hate toward family members sit with you? Why does Jesus use such strong language?

Read Matthew 10:37-39

How does this passage help you understand what Jesus is saying in Luke 14:26-27?

What do you think it practically means to "take up your cross?"

Why is the cost of discipleship so great?

How do the words of Jesus in verse 33 make you feel?

Jesus seemingly changes the topic of conversation in verses 34-35, but what is the fundamental connection between being fully devoted to Jesus and the analogy of salt?

Next Steps

What areas of your life are you holding on to most tightly? Why is it a struggle to give control of these areas over to God?

What is an example of a time when you were able to give God control of an area of your life you cared deeply about?

What can we do as Christians to grow in our submission to God? How can we become more trusting of his ways?

How do you feel about the cost of discipleship?

Final Thoughts

Take time to pray as a group, asking for the Lord to soften your hold on all areas of your life.