

## Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

**Sermon Series:** We Are the Church

**Sermon:** A Disciple-Making Church

**Scripture:** Luke 14:25-35

*<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”*

### *Reflection Questions:*

- In what ways do you hear people use the word Christian in different ways? What does it mean to be “a disciple”?
- What areas of your life flow from your commitment to be Christ’s disciples? What areas of your life might vie for priority over Jesus?
- How can we demonstrate that we are willing to lose everything to follow Christ? How does Christ’s willingness to lose everything (on the cross) inspire us to do the same for Him?
- Jesus talks about counting the cost. What would it look like to count the cost for you?
- What is one thing that you can do differently to live as Christ’s disciple as a result of this passage?

### *Guided Prayer:*

Thank God for accepting you by His grace. Ask Him to not simply enjoy His grace, but live as His true disciple. Repent of the ways you have made other things a greater priority. Receive His forgiveness. Ask Him to help you to live with Him as your top priority. Commit your whole heart once again to Christ. In Jesus’ name, Amen.