



The Cost Of Discipleship - Week Four **Not Quite Getting It**

Luke 16:19-31

The cost of discipleship is learning humility

It's (Still)The Season of Pentecost!

We are teaching through a sermon series in September, entitled “The Cost of Discipleship.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Cheap vs Costly Grace

Today we're going to read a parable of Jesus about a rich man, a poor man, and a lesson learned after death.

Let's talk about heaven and hell & what Jesus thought of each.

Images of the afterlife in the Bible are not consistent.

What are some of the popular images of Hell? Why are they problematic?

In the story we are about to read, Jesus appears to favor a vision of the afterlife that emphasizes refinement and restorative justice.

Is it possible that we create our own hell when we refuse to let go of pride?

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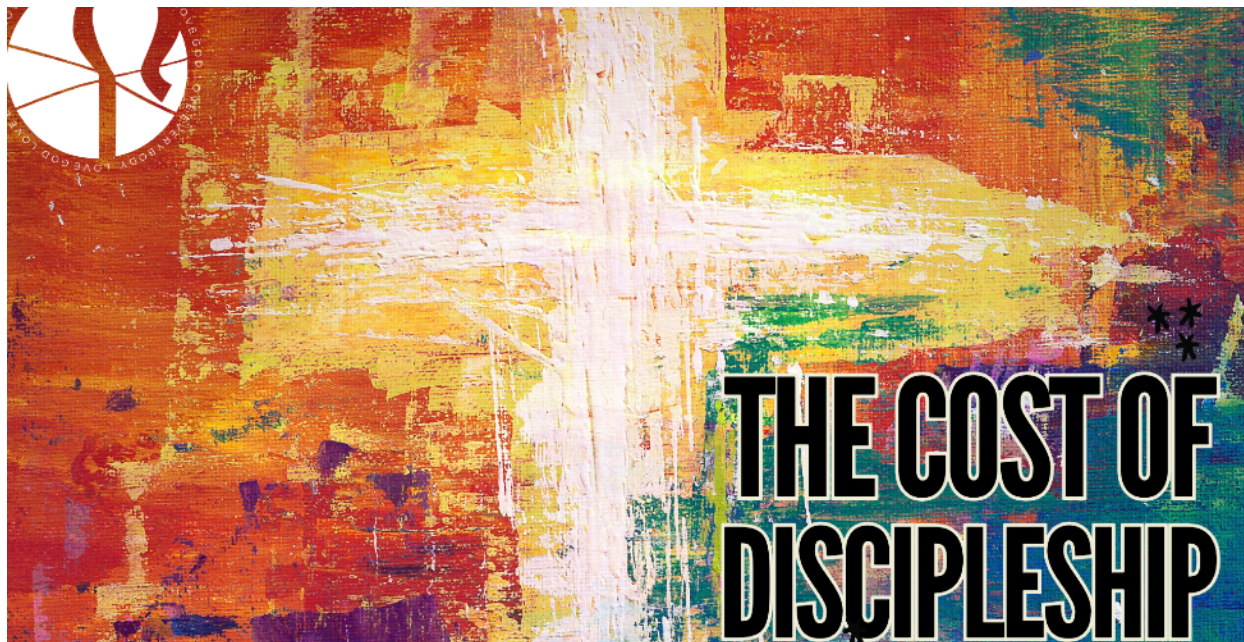
- *First and foremost, we need to view this for what it is: a story.*
- *The rich man (Dives) and Lazarus' lives were polar opposites.*
- *The rich man finds himself in Hades, Lazarus in Paradise with Abraham.*
- *The rich man doesn't seem to get the point as to why he is where he is.*
- *Even in death, the rich man can't stop giving orders like he owns the place.*

Those hearing this parable were given the chance to answer a question: How will I live now?

What Do We Learn Here About Pride?

1. *Pride does indeed go before a fall.*
2. *If we don't learn humility, we get taught it.*
3. *We have everything we need to know how to live humbly.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Cost of Discipleship

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship

NT Wright

Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home In An Age of Anxiety

Henri Nouwen

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