



## **The Cost Of Discipleship - Week One**

### **The Worst Teaching Ever**

*Luke 14:25-53*

*The cost of discipleship means putting Jesus first.*

### ***It's (Still) The Season of Pentecost!***

*We are launching a brand-new sermon series for the month of September, entitled "The Cost of Discipleship."*

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Cheap vs Costly Grace*

***Today, we're going to read an invitation from Jesus to intimacy with God, as well as the cost of following Him.***

### ***Will The Real Jesus Please Stand Up?***

*Which version of Jesus do we prefer? It depends.*

*There's a confounding aspect to Jesus that is hard to embrace.*

***When we think we have Jesus all figured out, He turns the tables on our certainty and our preferences, forcing us to confront ourselves.***

## **THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP MEANS PUTTING JESUS FIRST**

### ***Luke 14:25-53***

- *Jesus begins with a particularly unappetizing statement.*
- *This is jarring to us, but even more so to the crowd that hears it.*
- *Three ways to see it: Literally, Metaphorically, Spiritually.*
- *The word "hate" here means to "love less" (unfortunate translation)*
- *"The readiness is all..." The desire to please God pleases God.*

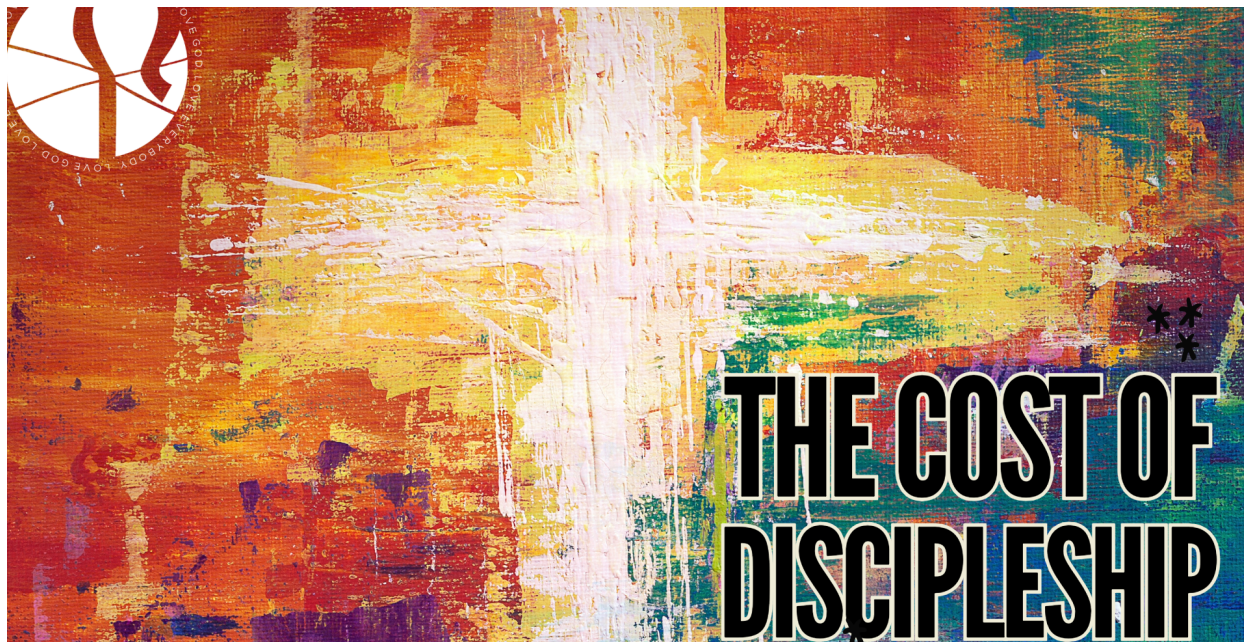
***Taking up our cross - a constant reminder that dying to self is a daily exercise; we do not do this alone.***

### ***What Do We Learn Here?***

1. *Following Jesus isn't easy; if it were, everybody would do it.*
2. *There is love in even the most challenging demands he makes.*
3. *Putting Jesus first ultimately leads to putting yourself last.*

*When the dreams I had weren't about putting Jesus first.*

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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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