



The Cost Of Discipleship - Week Three

Game of Loans

Luke 16:1-13

The cost of discipleship is radical stewardship

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 are going to read a strange parable that Jesus told that speaks to how we ought to relate to money.

Jesus spoke extensively about money.

It's almost like he knew that it could be a problem for some of us.

Luke's Gospel addresses the conflicts with wealth and discipleship.

So if Jesus cared so much about the relationship between wealth and discipleship, shouldn't we?

There's a reality in the churchy world that we need to address when it comes to giving.

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Luke 16:1-3

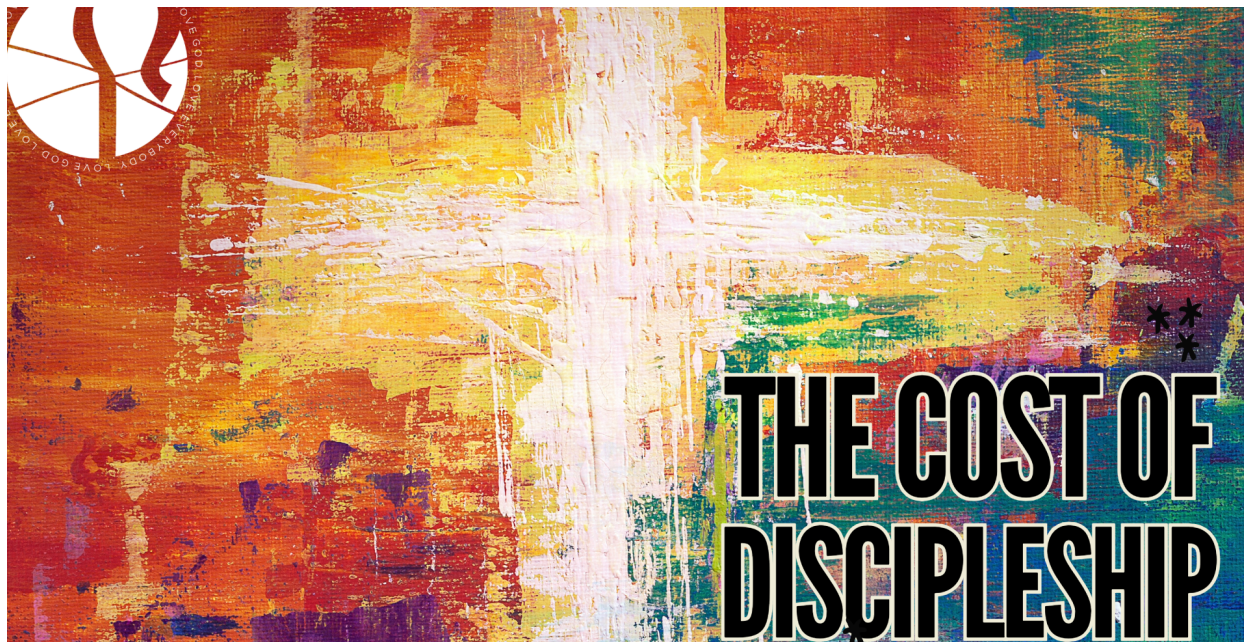
- *The language used with the manager is the same as the Prodigal Son.*
- *In desperation, he renegotiates all the contracts with the debtors.*
- *He ingratiates himself with the debtors and earns the master's respect.*
- *Jesus is telling them something they already know—the way the world works*
- *The last exhortation is the real lesson here—you can't serve God and money*

Are we being good stewards of what we have? Do we consider the well-being of others when managing our finances?

What Do We Learn Here?

1. *We can serve God with our money.*
2. *When money becomes our master, we lose sight of our true purpose.*
3. *Radical stewardship means it all belongs to God.*

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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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