

Luke 14:26—“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.”

Cost #2: You have to be willing to ⁽³⁾_____ things.

Luke 14:27—“And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

Cost #3: You should not decide to follow Christ unless you are ⁽⁴⁾_____ to it for life.

Luke 14:28-30—“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’?”

Cost #4: You must be willing to ⁽⁵⁾_____ with spiritual issues with the intention of winning spiritually.

Luke 14:31-32—“Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.”

PROVOKING THOUGHT: If you’re not ⁽⁶⁾_____ to do these things maybe Christianity is not for you!

Luke 14:33—“So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”

THE MESSAGE—“Simply put, if you’re not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can’t be my disciple.”

A Quick Review – Are you willing?

Luke 13:6-9—“He also spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ 8 But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’”



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Answers: 1-First 2-first 3-sacrifice 4-committed 5-battle 6-willing

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“Where’s the

Beef: The Cause

and the Cure for Shallow Christianity”

Sunday Evening, October 4th, 2009

Message #4: “The Cure for Shallow Christianity

Luke 14:25-33

Pastor Christian Newsome

QUESTION: What does it take to become a “committed” follower of Jesus Christ?

THE ANSWER: Count the Cost ⁽¹⁾_____!

Luke 14:25-33—“Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’? ³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. ³³ So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”

THE MESSAGE: “One day when large groups of people were walking along with him, Jesus turned and told them, “Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one’s own self!—can’t be my disciple. Anyone who won’t shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can’t be my disciple.

²⁸⁻³⁰ “Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn’t first sit down and figure out the cost so you’ll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you’re going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: ‘He started something he couldn’t finish.’

³¹⁻³² “Or can you imagine a king going into battle against another king without first deciding whether it is possible with his ten thousand troops to face the twenty thousand troops of the other? And if he decides he can’t, won’t he send an emissary and work out a truce?

³³ “Simply put, if you’re not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can’t be my disciple.”

“The Costs of Following Christ”

Cost #1: Jesus must come ⁽²⁾_____.