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**Topic: The High Cost of Discipleship**

Scripture text: Luke 14:25-35

1. The Lord Jesus Christ invited the multitude to follow Him but He stated plainly that the cost of discipleship is high. We cannot be a disciple of Christ if we are not willing to give up everything and be committed to following Him. To be a true disciple, we must come to Christ. It starts with the gospel and salvation. We must understand and accept the Gospel and commit our lives to Christ. True salvation will lead to discipleship.

2. We must give up our past priorities, which include our relationships, personal goals and possessions. All these must be subservient to the cause of Christ. Our love for Him must supersede our love for any other person (Matt 10:37). We must surrender our all to Christ and for Christ. It means all our resources must be for Christ. Will we be willing to give up any resources if the Lord wants us to do so?

3. We must have an honest assessment of our commitment. No one will force us and we must think it through ourselves. Are we ready? We must not follow Christ because of emotion or any physical benefits. It is a serious decision of life and death.

4. We must be useful to God throughout our life. Salt is a preservative but if it is not saltish, it loses its value and is not useful anymore. It will be worthless and thrown away. Our lives must count for the Lord. We should serve the Lord more and more as we grow in Him, not less and less.