

Sermon Questions for Community Groups

Sermon: "On Discipleship"

Series: Stories that Change the World

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Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

1. Jesus uses the word 'disciple' three times in the passage (v. 26,27,33). How would you define the word 'disciple'? Why is this an important term to understand for a Christian?
2. What is discipleship? How do we 'do' discipleship?
3. What has discipleship looked like in your life?
4. Bonhoeffer said that "when we are called to follow Christ, we are summoned to an exclusive attachment to his person." In your life, what other attachments threaten your "exclusive" attachment to Christ?
5. Is discipleship distinct from salvation? What biblical evidence supports and opposes this view?
6. Bible studies are good but they aren't the only thing we are expected to do in the context of discipleship. How is your community group living out the call of discipleship? (Think about how you self-sacrificially love one another, bear one another's burdens, evangelize to the lost in your neighbourhood, etc)
7. In Luke 14:26, what did Jesus mean when he said that we must hate our closest relatives if we want to follow him? What does this mean for your life presently?
8. Jesus calls everyone to bear their cross in verse 27. What are some of the ways we bear our cross for Jesus?
9. "So therefore any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." What does Jesus mean by renouncing all that we have? Does this mean we must give away all our possessions?
10. When was the last time that you took up your cross? What was the experience like? What did you learn from it that could help someone else struggling with a similar challenge?
11. Steven Cole says we are simply managers of the stuff God has given us. We don't ultimately own any of it. How do the things you own end of owning you? Explain where and how you struggle to steward God's resources well.
12. The bible is sufficient and infallible. Do you believe this? If so, why? If not, why not? What keeps you from feeding consistently on the Word of God? What keeps you from obeying and living out what you learn in God's Word?
13. Do you regularly test your faith? What does that look like?
14. How can a person who claims to be a Christian but who is not fully committed know if they're really a Christian?
15. Can a person be saved and yet not acknowledge Christ as their Lord? Why?

Prayer Requests: