

"THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP"

1. What does Jesus mean when he says, "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" (Luke 14:26)? How can we understand this statement in a non-literal sense?

2. In Luke 14:27, Jesus talks about bearing one's cross to be His disciple. What does this metaphor symbolize, and why is it important in the context of discipleship?

3. How does the concept of "counting the cost" relate to the decision to follow Jesus, as mentioned in Luke 14:28-30? Why is it essential for individuals who want to be disciples?

4. Explore the parables in Luke 14:31-33 about building a tower and going to war against another king. How do these parables illustrate the importance of careful planning and total commitment in discipleship?

5. The text mentions that rabbis in Jesus' time had to travel extensively to teach and spread their interpretations of Scripture. How did this practice influence the lives of both the rabbis and their disciples?

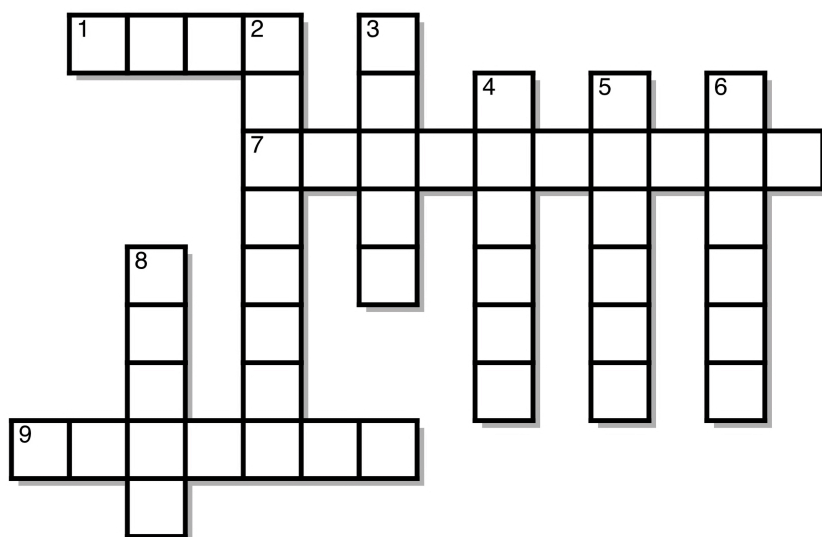
6. Jesus' choice of Peter as His head disciple and the name change to "Rock" is significant. How does this relate to Peter's role in building Jesus' church, and what message does it convey about discipleship?

7. What role did women like Joanna, who supported Jesus' ministry, play in sustaining the disciples' needs during their travels?

8. The text highlights the sacrifices and challenges associated with being a disciple of Jesus. Why do you think so many people were willing to leave their possessions, families, and homes to follow Him?

9. Discuss the idea of putting Jesus first in one's life. What are some practical ways individuals can prioritize their relationship with Christ while still fulfilling their responsibilities in the world?

10. Reflect on the concept of discipleship as a life-long commitment. How can modern-day Christians apply the principles of discipleship discussed in this text to their own lives?

**Across**

1 In Luke 9:57-62, Jesus tells a potential follower, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His _____."

7 Jesus' occupation may have been this.

9 According to Luke 18:28-30, Jesus promised that those who left house, parents, brothers, or children for the sake of the kingdom of God would receive many times more in this _____ time, and in the age to come eternal life.

Down

2 "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 _____."

3 We are to take up our _____ in following Jesus.

4 What was Peter's Aramaic name?

5 This product was the source of much of Herod's wealth.

6 According to Luke 8:1-3, the women who provided for Jesus and His ministry from their substance included Mary called Magdalene, _____ the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others.

8 Who was willing to pay the price to follow Jesus in Luke 18?

WORD SEARCH:

Disciple	Footsteps
Hate	Trade
Cross	Tekton
Cost	Zippori
Foundation	Peter
Tower	Balsam
Build	Chuza
King	Paul
Forsake	Gamaliel
Rabbi	Mishnah
Halakhah	Reward
Torah	Commitment

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