

October 29, 2025
Cost of Commitment
Luke 14:25-35

1. What attracted you to Jesus?
2. Read Luke 14:25-35. In verses 25–27 what does Jesus demand of those who would truly be his disciples?
3. The word *hate* (v. 26) is an obvious exaggeration for emphasis. In what sense are we to “hate” our family and even our own life?
4. A person carrying a cross in first-century Palestine was about to be executed. In this light, explain the meaning and implications of verse 27.
5. Jesus gives 3 illustrations here to drive home His points in verses 26-27. What are they?
 - * Illustration 1 (vs. 28-30): The rash _____.
 - * Illustration 2 (vs. 31-32): The reasonable _____.
 - * Illustration 3 (vs. 34-35): The useless _____.
6. What is the point of Illustration 1 (that is, how does it relate to following Jesus)?
7. What is the point of Illustration 2 (that is, how does it relate to following Jesus)?
8. Some have used verse 33 as a basis for renouncing ownership of anything and justifying an ascetic lifestyle or even monasticism. What is the difference between giving away everything that we have and “giving up” everything we have?
9. So what is the point of verse 33?
10. What is the point of Illustration 3?
11. How could following Jesus be costly for you?