



REPLENISHED – Cost Matters 11th July 2021 Grace Ajayi

This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. Read [Luke 14:28-30](#)
2. Read [Luke 14:31-33](#)
3. To understand these two parables, we must understand the setting/background. Read [Luke 14:25-27](#)
4. What were the characteristics of the crowd?

Engage:

5. Let's look at a few characteristics of the crowd:
 - Anonymity: Crowds are anonymous. Using Biblical language, in a crowd you may not be able to differentiate the goat from the sheep.
 - Narrow Attention: The crowd is devoid of wide attention. It directs its attention only to one or two things at a time. The attention of this crowd was on Jesus - the healer, the fish supplier, the bread multiplier, the miracle worker, the King with an earthly mission or rule.
 - The members of the crowd are not open to conviction. They do not tolerate any opposition to their views, rather any opposition enrages them.
 - Emotional: The members of a crowd are highly emotional. They respond not only to the emotional situation but also to the emotions of other members of the crowd.
6. With these and more characteristics, Jesus turns to the crowd 'following' Him and He says, "If you want to be my disciple you must, by comparison, hate everyone else - your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple." What is Jesus saying about hating your family and life?
7. Read and discuss [Matthew 10:37-39](#)
8. Read [John 19:17-18](#)

Framework:

9. Returning to the first parable, Luke 14:28-30, what does 'counting the cost' mean?
10. Did you know what it would cost to follow Jesus?
11. Read and discuss [1 Corinthians 3-11](#)
12. Returning to the second parable, Luke 14:31-33, what must you surrender to win?
13. Are you able to make difficult decisions in life to live like Christ?
14. What difficult decisions have you made to live like Christ?
15. What is the reward for living a Christlike life?
16. Read [Hebrews 11:6](#)
17. Read [Matthew 11:28-30](#)
18. What does this scripture mean?
19. Why is discipleship costly?
20. How can we be disciples?
21. Read [John 15:5](#)

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, I know that discipleship is costly but today I learnt that there is a greater emphasis on the fact that I am not alone and cannot do it alone. You are with me and working in me – I thank you that you have given me the opportunity to dwell in your presence forever and ever. In Jesus Name, Amen"