

I. Read Luke 14:25-35

- A. In verses 25-26, Jesus makes a hyperbolic statement (an obvious exaggeration) to make a point concerning the price of following Him. Why?

- B. In what sorts of circumstances would the words of Christ have very real applications?

- C. In verse 27, Jesus refers to the necessity of bearing one's cross in order to follow Christ. What did He mean?

- D. With Christ's words in verses 26-27 in mind, how might you respond to someone teaching that Christ can be trusted as savior but denied as Lord?

- E. In verses 28-33, Jesus takes an approach to evangelism that is almost 180 degrees from most contemporary evangelicals' approach. He discourages anyone who is considering following Him from doing so before giving thought to the dramatic change and very real costs his/her faith may bring. How does our evangelism often differ from this approach?

- F. In verses 34-35, Jesus makes a logical comparison between salt and genuine faith. Salt without flavor is compared to whom?

- G. In contrast to the point above, how does good salt affect others?

- H. In verse 35, Jesus makes the statement "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." What did he mean by this?