

5 January 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“Christian Basics: Discipleship”

Luke 14:25-33; Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 9:57-62

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. To be Jesus’ disciple, what must one hate (Luke 14:26)?
2. In Luke 14:26, what does it mean to “hate”?
3. To be Jesus’ disciple, what must one “bear” (Luke 14:27)?
4. To be Jesus’ disciple, what must a person give up (Luke 14:33)?
5. What does Jesus give to someone who comes to Him (Matthew 11:28)?
6. What must a disciple take upon himself/herself upon coming to Jesus (Matthew 11:29)?
7. What is a yoke? What does it do?
8. To someone who claimed he would follow Jesus anywhere, what did the Lord say this would be like (Luke 9:5-58)?
9. What answer did Jesus give to the person who said he would follow Him after he buried his father (Luke 9:59-60)?
10. What did Jesus say to the person who wanted to follow Him after saying goodbye to his family (Luke 9:61-62)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. What does the word “disciple” mean?
12. In what ways might loving your family and your own life interfere with being a disciple of Jesus?
13. How does Jesus’ call to follow Him impact your relationships with your family and friends?
14. Can a person be a Christian but not a disciple of Jesus? Why or why not?
15. What has following Jesus cost you?
16. Since the Lord tells us to renounce all we have, may a disciple of Jesus own anything? Why or why not?
17. What does it mean to renounce all that you have?
18. How do you learn from Jesus? As a disciple of Jesus, what are you currently learning from Him?
19. How has comfort and ease in your life stunted your discipleship? How has it helped? How has pain and difficulty promoted discipleship? How has it curtailed it?
20. What would you say to the person who complains that Jesus’ call to discipleship is too harsh, too costly, and too demanding?