



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 04/14/2019
DISCUSSION DATE: 04/21/2019
TEXT: LUKE 14:27-33.

I. EXAMINING THE GOOD FRUIT OF A CHRIST-LIKE DISCIPLE

A. Christ-like Disciples have counted the cost of following Jesus.

- Luke 14:27-33.

B. Christ-like Disciples pay the cost of following Jesus.

- John 12:25-26; 15:19-20; 16:33; Matthew 10:22; Luke 8:15.

1. Christ-likeness costs us our self-righteousness.

- Matthew 16:24; Mark 2:17; Romans 3:10-11; 1 John 1:8-9.

2. Christ-likeness costs us our sins.

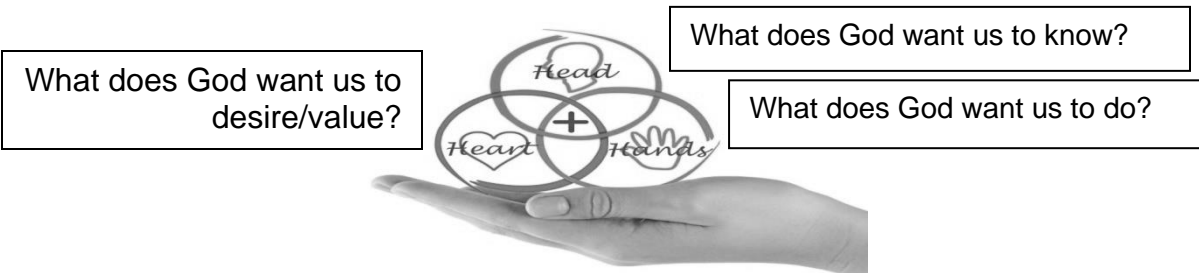
- Romans 6:6, 11-13, 17-18.

3. Christ-likeness costs us our ease.

- Romans 12:11; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 3:13-14; Hebrews 5:14-6:1.

4. Christ-likeness costs us the world's favor/approval.

- John 15:19; 1 John 2:15; Romans 12:2; James 4:4.



1. **Read Luke 14:25-33.** Who cannot be a disciple of Jesus? Why does Jesus emphasize the cost of discipleship? How is such cost minimized in our culture? What does bearing our cross demand of us in our daily lives?
2. What point are the two illustrations emphasizing about discipleship? What is the first and greatest commandment? How does this connect with Jesus' statement in v. 33?
3. **Read John 12:25-26; 15:19-20; 16:33; Matthew 10:22; Luke 8:15.** What does hating our lives in this world demand? What will Jesus' servant do? Whom does the FATHER honor? Does worship demand service?
4. Who has been chosen out of the world? What does "world" refer to in this text? How will the world treat those who clearly identify with Jesus? How can we enjoy peace in such a world? Why can we rest in the midst of afflictions that come in this fallen world?
5. What do disciples endure? What does that endurance look like? What are the characteristics of good ground?
6. **Read Matthew 16:24; Mark 2:17; Romans 3:10-11; 1 John 1:8-9.** How does self-righteousness blind people to their need of Jesus? Does this problem still plague believers? Why/why not?
7. Who makes the claim to be without sin (i.e. have nothing to confess)? What does John say about such people? What should our practice of confession look like? How has the Roman Catholic practice of confession impacted most believers understanding and practice of confession? What is promised by God to those who confess their sins? Why do we struggle to confess our sins?
8. **Read Romans 6:6, 11-13, 17-18.** Who is a slave to sin and how are slaves to sin delivered? What changes in a person's life who is delivered from sin? How do we present our lives either to sin or to God? What makes the difference? How can we avoid presenting ourselves to sin?
9. **Read Romans 12:11; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 3:13-14; Hebrews 5:14-6:1.** If our love for Jesus is genuine (Romans 12:9), what does Paul say will characterize our lives (Romans 12:11)? What do these look like in the life of the church? How do we exercise/train ourselves for godliness? Why is vigilance essential to spiritual progress, and what happens when we get complacent?
10. What should we live in anticipation of? How should such anticipation impact our daily choices? How do our senses get trained? How do we develop godly discernment?
11. **Read John 15:19; 1 John 2:15; Romans 12:2; James 4:4.** What does it mean to be of the world and to love the world? How do we avoid being conformed to this world? What does transformation of our minds look like and what is required? Why is friendship with this world such a problem?