

## Answer the Call June 2nd 2024 - Pastor Rob

### Luke 14:25-35

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' 31 "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. 34 "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? 35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear,"

#### 1. More than saying "I am Sorry."

There is a lot of pain and need in our communities.

The answer to those needs is Jesus.

Jesus is not religion nor political views.

How are they able to get to know the real Jesus if the ones that DO know him don't share him? We are called to disciple all nations.

He is more than our Savior: He is our master. He calls us friend, but he requires obedience. Jesus is everything and he did not come to this earth and die for you and me, simply so that we could enjoy some good tunes on Sunday.

# **QUESTIONS:**

1.Why do we need to share Jesus with others?

.2.What is Jesus requiring

from us?

3. Why do we say that

saying I am sorry is not enough?

It is more than just saying "I am sorry Jesus, please forgive my sins' and then do life without commitment to Jesus.

### 2. Count the Cost

We can very easily see by the rest of this scripture that Jesus is using the word 'hate' for dramatic effect. Also it should be mentioned that in scripture the word hate can also be used to describe something that is below the greatest.

For example, in dealing with inheritances in polygamous marriages, the Mosaic Law referred to "two wives, one beloved, and another hated"

You must be ready to do something you don't want to do. You MUST pick up your cross. He is saying that He must be more important than anything else in your life, so COUNT THE COST. Acknowledge what you need to give up. What do you worship? What are your idols? Comfort? Pleasure? Money? Success? What do you need to hate, in order to focus on your beloved.

### TAKEAWAYS:

1. **It's worth the cost.** Jesus does not only forgive our sins and free us from the consequences of it. He is our master and Lord. And as Lord and master he demands from us obedience and service. That will come with a cost for us. What is this cost? First thing is priority. Jesus demands to be our first priority. That means over anything we might consider as precious and irreplaceable in our lives.

From that all things flow. Obedience, service, love, perseverance in our walk with Jesus.

Is the cost worth it? 100%!

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. How did Jesus applied the word hate?
2. What must we be ready to do for Jesus?
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3. What is the cost of following Jesus?