



Will We Travel with Jesus, or Follow Him?

Series: Kingdom Stories for Everyday Life

Scripture: Luke 14:1-35

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many... will try to enter and will not be able to." - Jesus (Luke 13:24)

_____ God's invitation isn't the same as _____ it.

- Our _____ reveal what we _____ most.
- _____ is _____ freely, but it must be _____ personally.
- Being a _____ is not a _____.

To truly _____ Him, each must consider the _____.

- We must _____ our families. (v26)
 - *miseo* - not describing an emotion. It describes a _____ not to put something first in our life.
 - It's about setting a _____.
- The cost of _____ to _____ as we carry our cross. (v27)
- As we consider the cost we must _____, think, and _____.
 - It's a lifelong _____, not a quick _____.
- We give up all that we have. (v33)
 - We _____ their _____ over us.

_____ is always free, _____ is always costly.

Are you seeking to just travel with Jesus or are you willing to surrender all and be his disciple as you follow him?

Start Talking.

- Have you ever had “buyers remorse” or started a project that you couldn’t finish? What happened?

Start Thinking:

- In the parable of the banquet, the excuses weren’t sinful — just distracting. What “good things” in our lives can quietly take first place?
- What is the difference between traveling with Jesus and truly following Him?
- Jesus says we must “hate” family by comparison. How does understanding that as priority rather than as an emotion change the way you hear it?
- Why do you think Jesus intentionally makes discipleship costly instead of easy?

Start Sharing:

- What stood out most to you from Sunday’s message?
- Where are you most tempted to treat Jesus as an add-on rather than Lord?
- When you hear the phrase “count the cost,” what emotions or thoughts immediately surface?
- Is there an area of your life where you know God is asking for deeper surrender? What’s competing most for first place in your heart right now?
- What does “carrying your cross” look like in your life?

Start Praying:

- Ask God to reveal any excuses that have kept you from deeper obedience and pray for courage to surrender areas where you’ve been holding back.
- Thank Jesus that the One who calls you to count the cost is the One who already paid the ultimate cost.

Father, I come before You recognizing the cost of following Jesus. Lord, I acknowledge that You call me to renounce all I have—my possessions, my plans, and my life—to be Your disciple. So I surrender my heart, my time, my talents, and my treasures to You. Even as I count the cost, I choose to follow You, relying on Your grace to finish the work You have started in me. Help me to be a faithful, fully committed disciple. In Jesus’ Mighty Name, Amen."

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Identify one specific area this week where you will intentionally put Jesus first (schedule, finances, relationships, habits).
- Remove or adjust one thing that has been crowding out your devotion to Christ.