

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO MEET IN OUR FACILITY

Due to some people testing positive for covid we have taken the necessary precautions by not meeting in person today, but will be open for in-house worship on the 23th.

ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 6TH

Due to the covid situation our annual meeting and potluck will be held February 6, right after the worship service.

JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Resumes Saturday, January 22, at 10am. Invite a friend

BOOKS FOR THE NEXT SERMON SERIES ARE AVAILABLE

Pastor Bruce's book on legalism is available in the back of the sanctuary for \$20, or any donation. All proceeds of the book go into the building fund.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY

Be sure to update your contact information at church next Sunday, or email your information to Tim Brooks at timnealbr@gmail.com.

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

Be Blessed Worshiping This Morning!

*And anyone who does not carry his cross
and follow me cannot be my disciple.
Luke 14:27*

*January 16, 2022
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg*

“Purposeful Priorities of Discipleship”

Luke 14:25-35

Jesus laid everything on the table for those who were thinking about becoming one of his disciples! He clearly stated the requirements of discipleship up front, so people could think it over and make an intelligent decision. Sadly, when we hear the gospel presented by high profile evangelists we rarely, if ever, hear the stringent demands of discipleship that Jesus presented to his would-be followers. This morning we will take a look at what Jesus requires of his disciples.

#1. DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES PLACING JESUS ABOVE ALL YOUR _____, vv. 25-26

- A. Jesus addressed “large crowds”, v. 25
- B. Hate means love Jesus more, v. 26
- C. Love Jesus more than all your family members, vv. 26 (Mark 10:28-30)
- D. Love Jesus more than your own life, v. 26
- E. Failure to comply disqualifies you from discipleship, v. 26

#2. DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES CARRYING YOUR _____, v. 27

- A. True disciples carry their cross
- B. Disciple (*mathetes: learner, student, follower*), Luke 9:23
- C. Discipleship is a life-long journey of following Jesus with your cross
- D. Failure to comply disqualifies you from discipleship

#3. DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES _____ BEFORE DECIDING TO FOLLOW JESUS, vv. 28-32

- A. The 1st illustration: the builder, vv. 28-30
 - 1. Contractors figure out the cost before starting the job, v. 28
 - 2. He’ll be ridiculed if he can’t finish, v. 29
 - 3. He didn’t finish because he didn’t start right, v. 30
- B. The 2nd illustration: the warrior, vv. 31-32
 - 1. Assess your battle capabilities, v. 31
 - 2. Assess your enemy, v. 31
 - 3. Ask for terms of peace if victory isn’t attainable, v. 32

#4. DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES GIVING UP YOUR _____ IF NECESSARY, v. 33

- A. Disciples should be free of any attachment that stands in the way of following Jesus
- B. Disciples might lose everything
- C. Failure to comply disqualifies you from discipleship

#5. DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES BEING _____ TO THE LORD, vv. 34-35

- A. Disciples are like salt, v. 33, Mat 5:13
- B. Disciples’ “saltiness” is their loyalty to Jesus, v. 34
- C. Half-hearted discipleship doesn’t cut it, v. 35
- D. Disciples should take this to heart, v. 35

ANSWERS: Significant Others, Cross, Counting The Cost, Possessions, Useful.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. What did Jesus mean by the word “hate”? (Luke 14:26,
- #2. Read Mark 10:38-30, and discuss the rewards Jesus offers.
- #3. What did Jesus mean by “carry your cross”? (Luke 14:27)
- #4. If you were Jewish and became a disciple of Christ, what were the consequences of making that decision?
- #5. Jesus gives us an illustration about a builder (vv. 28-30). Discuss the illustration and how it relates to discipleship.
- #6. Jesus gives us another illustration about warfare (vv. 31-32). Discuss the illustration and how it relates to discipleship.
- #7. What did Jesus mean in v. 33?
- #8. In what sense are Jesus’ followers salt? (Mat 5:13)
- #9. How do believers keep their saltiness?
- #10. It sounds like Jesus is trying to talk people out of becoming his disciples. Why?
- #11. It has been said that we live in an age of easy believe-ism in America. What does “easy believe-ism” mean to you?
- #12. What is your takeaway from this teaching?