



Rooted & Reaching Sermon Series

WEEK 3

Prioritizing Jesus

TEXT: LUKE 14:25-33

SERMON NOTES

Personal Reflection:

What phrase, image, or moment from today's sermon stayed with me?

What is one prayer I want to carry with me this week?

Daily Scripture Reading:

Philippians 3:1-10
 Psalm 103:1-14
 Hebrews 3:1-5
 Hebrews 3:12-19
 1 Peter 2:21-25

Community Groups:

ICE BREAKER:

What was something you had to work really hard in order to obtain or achieve?
 What did you have to sacrifice?

How do you respond when there's something unfamiliar or challenging?

INTERPRETIVE QUESTIONS:

Is what Jesus said in v.26 conflicting to the fourth commandment “honor your father and mother?”

Follow up question: Why would this be offensive for people to hear in Jesus' time and present?

What was the setting like when Jesus taught this? Who was His audience and what was the context?

Jesus teaches to calculate the cost of following Him. He stresses planning for it. Why is that important?

How do the examples of building a tower and going to war shape our understanding of discipleship?

FORMATIVE QUESTIONS:

What has been costly for you in following Jesus?

Where do you feel resistance to Jesus' words in this passage?

What attachments—good or bad—might compete with wholehearted devotion?

What would it mean for you to count the cost honestly rather than idealistically?

SIMPLE PRACTICE (FOR PERSONAL USE):

Name the cost of discipleship for you personally.

Give Him praise for this high calling of following Him on the narrow path that leads to eternal glory with Him.

Ask Him for help to do so faithfully and joyfully.