

The Cost of Following Jesus Healing

Matthew 8:18-22

Sermon Discussion Questions

January 29, 2023

1. Are you afraid of Jesus asking you to give up things in your life that you want to keep? This could be material or relational. How might this reflect his place / priority in your life?
2. Do you view these things as potential idols and have you addressed them as such? Is there anything you would not be willing to give up or something that would be terribly hard to give up for Jesus?
3. Do you feel pressure to maintain a certain type of lifestyle? How does this teaching move you to live in the way that God wants you to live rather than the way the world tells you that you should want to live?
4. Have you ever suffered in a friendship because you followed Jesus? How did this affect your relationship with Jesus? What about with your friend?
5. Have you considered how material and relational costs can be linked? For instance, canceling a membership at a country club might put tension on your relationship with others in the club. How might God be calling you give up multiple areas to follow Him?
6. Do you trust the goodness of God? Read Psalm 84 and Romans 8:28-30. Where do you need to trust that the Lord does not withhold good things and has good in store for those who love him and are called according to his purposes? How can this change your attitude towards being asked to count the cost of following Jesus?
7. During the service we reflected on two songs – *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* and *Take My Life and Let it Be*. How did God meet you in this time of reflection? Is there anything God called you to in this time that your group can help hold you accountable to?