

**I. Read Luke 14:25-35**

- A. In vs. 25-26, Jesus makes a hyperbolic statement (an obvious exaggeration) to make a point concerning the price of following Him. Why?

In what sort of circumstance would the words of Christ have very real implications?

- B. In verse 27, Jesus refers to the necessity of *bearing one's cross* in order to follow Christ. What did He mean?

- C. The great German pastor D. Bonhoeffer referred to something called *cheap grace* in his book *The Cost of Discipleship*. To what was he referring?

- D. With Christ's words in vs. 26-27 in mind, how might you respond to someone teaching that Christ can be trusted as savior but denied as Lord?

- E. In vs. 28-33, Jesus takes an approach to evangelism that is almost 180 degrees from most contemporary evangelicals' approach. He discourages anyone who is considering following Him from doing so before giving thought to the dramatic change and very real costs his/her faith may bring. How does our evangelism often differ from this approach?

F. Read Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23 and discuss the four soils and what kind of person each represents.

G. In vs. 34-35, Jesus makes a logical comparison between salt and genuine faith. Salt without flavor is compared to whom?

In contrast to the point above, how does *good salt* affect others?

H. In verse 35, Jesus makes the statement “He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (NKJV). What did he mean by this?

Is there a lesson for us in Jesus’ intent in referring to “He who has ears to hear...”?

I. Francis Schaeffer said that Christians of our day are primarily concerned with personal peace and affluence. What did he mean?