

## DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. We began our time together sharing about weighing the cost of following Jesus. Share ideas about how to build this time and activity into your life on a regular basis.

12. As you have counted the cost of following Jesus this week, what is one barrier you have faced? What is the next step you need to take toward removing that barrier to discipleship, and how can we encourage and support you as you do?

### Prayer Requests

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Sermon Notes

Due Diligence: The Cost

Luke 14:24-35

1. Following J\_\_\_\_\_ is not the same as following the c\_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 14:25-27

Matthew 10:37-39

2. Jesus asks two questions of us:

a. Have you p\_\_\_\_\_ to f\_\_\_\_\_ me?

Luke 14:28-30

b. Can you m\_\_\_\_\_ my d\_\_\_\_\_?

Luke 14:31-33

Philippians 2:11

3. To ensure we can follow through on our commitment we replace the c\_\_\_\_\_ with c\_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 14:34-35

This week I will spend \_\_\_\_\_ minutes  
counting the cost of what it means for me to follow  
Jesus.

Day\_\_\_\_\_ Time\_\_\_\_\_

This week I will share what God has taught me  
from my counting the cost experience with

Day\_\_\_\_\_ Time\_\_\_\_\_

*What do I need to do with what I have heard today?*

## **GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK**

November 8, 2015

### **THINKING THINGS THROUGH**

1. At the close of his sermon, Michael challenged us to spend time evaluating our relationship with Christ. What was that time like for you? Share what you determined were the costs of following Jesus.

2. In the last year, share something God has asked you to change. What has that process looked like for you?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-4.

3. In Colossians 3, Paul used language like “raised” and “died” to talk about what happens when a person follows Christ (vv. 1,3). What does God replace in us? What does He offer us in return?

4. Read Colossians 3:4 and Galatians 2:20. How does Paul describe the way we have entered into a relationship with Christ in this verse? What does this analogy teach us about both the cost and reward of following Jesus?

READ COLOSSIANS 3:5-11.

5. In this section Paul listed several different kinds of sins many of us struggle with (vv. 5,8). What is the root of all these sins?

6. Pick one or two of the sins mentioned in verses 5-8 and discuss the impact that following Jesus should have on that specific sin. How does God’s grace affect that part of human nature?

7. In verses 9-10, Paul describes following Jesus like taking off an old shirt and putting on a new one. What does it look like to “put on the new self” every day?

8. While following Christ certainly means there are things we should no longer do, the Christian life is much more than a checklist of behaviors to continue or avoid. What is missing from our picture of the Christian life if we only see it as a checklist? What do we get in return?

READ COLOSSIANS 3:12-17.

9. While the previous verses highlighted what we are to give up in order to follow Jesus, verses 12-17 draw attention to what we gain. What does our new identity in Christ look like, and what is our motivation for living this way (v. 12)?

10. When you become a disciple of Jesus, you gain much more than you give up. How does what we gain aid us in leaving the old ways behind?