

CHAPTER 5 – THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When Jesus calls you to be his disciple, what does he ask from you?

2. What are some of the ways in which the Scriptures and Christian writers have described Jesus' demands on your life?

3. What does Jesus offer the disciple of Christ in return for your total surrender to his will for your life?

4. How do we give Jesus total control and say in our life—to the point that we are willing to pay the cost of discipleship? When, where, and how have you given yourself to Jesus as his disciple?

5. What fears do you have that might hinder you from answering Jesus' call to give him all? (Opinions of others, risks, reputation, career, comfort, lifestyle?)



6. What does the totally committed, totally surrendered to Jesus disciple look like? What is the evidence of a life lived in obedience to Christ? Describe the traits, lifestyle, habits, and character of the person who has counted the cost.

7. What did Jesus mean when he said that the true disciple would “hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, yes even his own life,” in order to follow Jesus?

8. What does Jesus mean when he asks the disciple to “carry your cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34)?
