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The Journey To Jerusalem | Cost & Quality | Luke 14:25-35

1. Tell the story of how you became a Christian. Take your time and delight in the diversity of the stories told. Share specifically about the environment/circumstances within which it happened (in a moment or over a period of time). Was your first commitment to Jesus the one which lasted, or did you make a second or third (or more) attempt? Why?
2. When you became a Christian, did anyone speak with you about the potential cost of following Jesus? As you think back over your faith journey, are there areas where you have counted the cost (not just financially, but maybe too emotionally, relationally, etc.)? Share your testimonies.
3. Discuss the illustrations which Jesus uses in the text of the builder and the warring-king. How are these illustrations helpful, or not? Can you think of some contemporary examples which Jesus might have used today?
4. How can a person who claims to be a Christian but not fully committed know if they really are a Christian? Is it possible for a person trust Jesus for their salvation but not then go on to follow him as Lord of their lives? How does Jesus affirm your thoughts in our text and/or other Scriptures?
5. Is discipleship distinct from salvation? Can you think of any Bible verses which support your view? How does our text today shape your argument?
6. In the past, have you thought about Jesus' suggestion that you should 'hate' your family and even yourself? Has your interpretation of this message been challenge by looking at this text afresh? Can you share examples (Biblical, historical or contemporary) of how an appropriate interpretation of these verses has been the right thing for a person to do?
7. As you think about your life today, are there ways in which you are recognising what it means to '*carry your cross to follow Jesus*'? Are there times when you resent the call on your life? Do you ever think that not being a Christian would be easier?
8. If you feel able, share one or two area of your discipleship journey which are not quite as robust as they could be. Pray together.