

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

*"Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." (Luke 14:25-33, NIV)*

### Key Point

There is a cost to following Jesus

### A question to consider

What am I willing to give up to follow Jesus?

### Read – Luke 7:36-50

Start talking. Find a conversation starter.

- Have you ever been in a situation where you over estimated or under estimated something (yourself, another person, a project...)? What happened?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get thinking.

- Read Luke 14:25-33. What does Jesus teach in this passage?
- When Jesus says, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple." What is saying and not saying?
- Why do you think Luke mentions the large crowds?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What are you willing to give up to follow Jesus?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Jesus, there is more freedom in giving everything up for you, than trying to hold on to it. Help me live courageously and give up those things that come between me and you.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start the *o The Cost of Following* Bible Plan With Friends: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/12551-the-cost-of-following-self-or-christ>
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