

## The Cost of Discipleship

Text: Luke 14 25-35

Introduction:

- A. Multitudes of Jesus' day, failed to count the cost of discipleship. - John 6:66
- C. What does it cost to be a disciple of Christ?
  - I. Why should we count the cost? - Luke 14:35
    - A. The Lord teaches us to count the cost.- Luke 14:28-33
    - B. the tragedy of falling back- Luke 14:34-35
  - II. What does the Lord demand of his disciples?- Matthew 16:24
    - A. Deny himself- Luke 14 33; Galatians 2:20: Luke 14:26; John 19:25-27; Matthew 6:24; 10:34-37
    - B. Take up his cross.- Luke 9:23
      - 1. suffer persecutions- Matthew 10.24-25: 2 Timothy 3:12
      - 2. not be ashamed- Mark 8:38; e.g., man who drank coke
  - C. Follow me
    - 1. Continue in Jesus' word.- John 8:31-32
    - 2. Be like Jesus.- Luke 6:40

Conclusion:

- A. Does the return justify the investment?- Mark. 10:28-30
- B. Will you not determine to pay the price?