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Series: "We Speak Jesus"

Sermon: "The Cost of Discipleship"

Scripture: Luke 14:25-35

Memory Verse: Luke 14:27

Introduction

A. The Missionary Heart

1. Care more than some think is wise.
2. Risk more than some think is safe.
3. Dream more than some think is practical.
4. Expect more than some think is possible.

(Karen Watson)

B. "I was not called to comfort or success but to obedience" (Karen Watson).

C. Big Idea: True disciples will love Christ supremely, seriously count the cost of discipleship, and permeate the world faithfully.

II. True Disciples Will Love Christ Supremely (14:25-26)

A. Jesus changes our perspective.

B. How are we to understand "hate" in verse 26? Our love for Christ must be so great and pervasive that our natural love of self and family pales in comparison.

C. In comparison to our love for Christ, we hate the people we love.

D. When we understand the gospel, we will love Jesus Christ more than any earthly relationship.

E. Our love for Christ must be preeminent.

F. The moment we die to self is the moment we begin to live life as it was meant to be lived.

G. John 12:24-25

II. True Disciples Will Seriously Count the Cost of Discipleship (14:27-33)

A. Jesus changes our priorities.

B. Count the cost.

C. Know what you're walking into.

D. Is Aslan safe?

"Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he- quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"..."Safe?" said Mr Beaver ..."Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

— C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

E. Verse 33 calls us not to trust in what we have but in who we are in Christ.

F. Jesus changes how we view possessions.

G. Philippians 3:8

III. True Disciples Will Permeate the World Faithfully (14:34-35)

- A. Salt prevents the spread of corruption and decay.
- B. Salt permeates and infiltrates.
- C. Christians, we are to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13).
- D. We are to speak Jesus to the lost.

Conclusion

- A. What have you learned in this series?
- B. How is the Lord challenging you?
- C. With whom will you speak Jesus?
- D. Are you a true disciple?
- E. The Fellowship of the Unashamed poem:

I am part of the "Fellowship of the Unashamed."
The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line.
The decision has been made. I am a disciple of
Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down,
back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present
makes sense, and my future is secure.
I am finished and done with low living, sight walking,
small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams,
chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position,
promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I now live by
presence, lean by faith, love by patience,
lift by prayer, and labor by power. My pace
is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my
road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few,
my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought,
compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back,
diluted, or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the
presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy,
ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander
in the maze of mediocrity.

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until
Heaven returns, give until I drop, preach until all know,
and work until He comes. And when He comes to get
His own, He will have no problem recognizing me.
My colors will be clear.

E. The Gospel Definition