



The Requirements for Real Followers

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Ice Breaker:

Who is the most dedicated follower of Christ you have known? What made their faith so inspiring?

Understanding the Context:

Read Luke 14:12-24. What stood out to you? Why didn't some of the people go to the banquet? What does this reveal about them?

Read Luke 14:25. Who is part of the crowd? What is Jesus' purpose in sharing this parable in regard to the crowd?

Connecting to the Gospel:

Read Luke 18:18-30 and Mark 1:16-20, 2:13-14, What should our response be to Christ?

Read Revelation 13:14-22. What stands out to you? What does this mean for those who are in Christ?

Living out the Truth:

Following Jesus should be explained to everyone. In light of this point, how important is it to tell people that Jesus wants their full allegiance and how can we do that effectively?

Jesus talks about counting the cost of following Him, like planning to build a tower or preparing for battle. What aspects of our lives do we try to hold onto and how can we surrender them?

Accountability:

There is no such thing as a part-time disciple of Jesus. What would change in your life if you fully committed to Christ—your time, relationships, habits? Are there any things you know Jesus is calling you to do, but you keep putting off?

Parenting Moment:

Take a moment and read Luke 14:25-33 as a family. Take some time to discuss the meaning of verse 33. How can we live a life that is all in for Christ and not one foot in and one foot out? Pray that God will give each member of your family the strength to live a life committed to Christ and Him only!