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### **'Characteristics of a Jesus Disciple'**

Know the Real Jesus

Luke 14:25-35 ESV

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*"And Jesus came and said to them, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* **Matthew 28:18-20**

1) **Loves** everyone **less** than they love Jesus (*incl. self*).

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them: <sup>26</sup>If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. **Luke 14:25-27**

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **Matthew 10:37**

2) **Leans** into and **learns** from Jesus in every trial

<sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying: This man began to build and was not able to finish. <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. **Luke 14:28-32**

"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. <sup>25</sup>For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup>For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels" **Luke 9:23-26**

3) Leaves all possessions/priorities in Jesus' hands

<sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple. <sup>34</sup>Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. **Luke 14:33-35**

### A disciple of Jesus lives for the One who loves him

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* **Galatians 2:20**