

All That Jesus Taught - #1

The True Meaning of Discipleship (Luke 14:15-35)

1. What are the 2 sides of the coin with regard to the commission of Jesus:

(a) (Mark 16:15) all the world; preach the gospel; to believe and be baptized

(b) (Matthew 28:20) all nations; make disciples; to be baptized and to obey all that Jesus commanded

2. Jesus told a parable as context for the conditions of discipleship (Luke 14:15-24). What do we learn from it?

That many who think they will be in the kingdom of God may not be. Those who have other things that are more precious to them in Jesus, will find excuses and will miss out on the kingdom of God. But, those who have low thoughts about themselves (“poor, crippled, blind, lame” and homeless) will find that heaven is large toward them.

3. What do we learn about God with regard what He is looking for in discipleship (Luke 14:26): God is interested in quality, not quantity. Also, there aren’t multiple levels of quality of discipleship; anyone who does not fulfill the conditions “cannot” be a disciple.

4. What is the first condition of discipleship that Jesus mentions (Luke 14:26a): We must have a supreme love for Jesus above family, friends, even brothers and sister in our local church. (Psalm 73:25)

5. What is the second condition of discipleship that Jesus mentions (Luke 14:26b-27): We must have a supreme love for Jesus above our own self-life – i.e., our will and choice. That means daily living as if headed for execution. This is what makes heaven – that no one does their own will, but everyone does God’s will.

6. What is the third condition of discipleship that Jesus mentions (Luke 14:33): We must have a supreme love for Jesus above our possessions. We can have things, but must not possess them.

7. What gives us confidence as we walk this way of discipleship (Matthew 28:18,20b): The One to whom all authority has been given (Jesus) is with His disciples until the very end of time.