The Cost of Non-Discipleship

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INTRODUCTION

- What is the cost of rejection of Jesus?
- But there's also the other side of this that's worthy of consideration, and that is the cost of non-discipleship.
- What are we giving up when we reject the good news? When we reject Jesus and his message.

1 He Kept His Money, but at the Cost of Joy

Luke 18:18–23

- Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?
- One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven and come, follow me.
- The ruler is really seeking a transactional relationship, in which he merely wants approval.
- And giving up himself, which is what Jesus calls us to in discipleship, means giving up our identity.
- He kept his money, but at the cost of joy.

2 We Give Up the Easy Yoke

Matthew 11:28–30; Matthew 10:38–39

- The path of non-discipleship is a path of bearing heavy burdens and heavy yokes.
- Life can be hard with Jesus, or life can be hard without Jesus.
- Non-discipleship, it can be rejection of Jesus, just outright rejection. But it can also just be a life of non-decision.
- The one who wishes to find his life will lose it, but he who loses his life for my sake will find it.
- The answer is not to go find myself. The answer is to lose myself in Jesus Christ.

3 A Properly Structured Affection in Life

Matthew 16:25; Matthew 10:34–39

- The difference is there actually is a meaning in struggle.
- And the whole irony of selfishness is that it destroys everything, including the inner self.
- And so chasing happiness is the worst way to ever find it.
- The love of Christ orders all other loves properly.
- Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.
- When love is properly oriented, struggle is an opportunity for growth. It's not a threat to inner peace.

4 We Become Slaves to the Mundane

Matthew 16:26–27

- The cost is sacrificing the hope of the future for the anxiety of the here and now.
- People will be lovers of self, having a form of godliness, but denying its power.
- If here is all there is, career becomes identity.
- What does it profit if you gain the whole world and you lose your own soul?
- And the path of non-discipleship sacrifices it all. For the here and now.

THE CHALLENGE

And the only thing I can do about it for me in my life is to say I'm going to follow him. And the same is true for you. Will you do it today?

MY NOTES