

LifeGroup Meeting

Not A Fan 3
"Counting the Cost"

Get To Know You Question:

What was the last thing that you "counted the cost" when it came to either you buying something, doing something, going somewhere, etc...?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. Have you thought this week about the difference between a fan and a follower? Where do you think you stand?
2. Someone read **Luke 14:25-26**
 - Why do you think many people are initially attracted to Jesus?
 - To whom was Jesus addressing this message?
 - i. Why do you think this crowd was following Jesus?
 - ii. What does the words, "If anyone comes to me" imply?
 - iii. What does it mean to "hate" family members and even one's own life?
 - iv. Do you really think that Jesus wants you to have an intense hostility and dislike (hate) for your family members? If not, than what is Jesus trying to tell us?
3. Is it possible to follow Jesus superficially?
4. Jesus seems to be having the DTR (define the relationship) talk with this crowd and He is making it clear that he doesn't want to share his affection. Consider these following questions and answer them honestly. Do any of these questions take your affections away from Jesus?
 - **Where do you sacrifice and spend your money?**
 - i. What you spend your money on can determine the desires of your heart.
 - **When you are hurt, where do you go for comfort?**

ii. When our first response to suffering or pain is to turn to anyone or anything other than Jesus it may reveal that our affection is divided and we are following someone or something other than Jesus.

▪ **What disappoints or frustrates you the most?**

iii. Some disappointments can be natural, but for most, they can be an indicator that something is competing for our affection that should be to Christ alone.

▪ **What is it that really gets you excited?**

iv. Like the things that disappoint us, the things that excite us can also point to something or someone that is competing with Jesus.

5. Someone read **Ezekiel 16:30-34**

▪ Throughout all of **Ezekiel 16**, God is acting as if we have had an affair with him with someone else. When Jesus becomes one of many and not our one and only, this is how he portrays himself...as a betrayed lover.

i. Why do you think God wants our total devotion to him?

ii. How would you feel if your spouse has had multiple affairs with you? Do you think God's response in **Ezekiel 16** is justified?

iii. Why do you think it is so easy for us to make Jesus one of many and not our one and only?

6. Someone read **Luke 14:28-30**.

▪ Why is counting the cost so important to following Jesus?

i. What do you think Jesus mean when he said, "first sit down and count the cost"?

ii. When you gave your life to Jesus, did you actually sit down and count the cost of what it would really take to follow him? Why or why not.

iii. Have you ever thought of the cost of NOT following Jesus?

7. The second hardest question you will ever have to answer is: **If following Jesus will cost you everything, would it still be worth it?**

▪ Spend some time and discuss this question.

8. **Close in Prayer!**