

The cost of

DISCIPLESHIP

A cost is required to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Jesus preached, taught, modeled, and gave specific examples of what this means throughout his earthly ministry; therefore, we faithfully preach, teach, and train about this cost in 1:1 discipleship and throughout every ministry area (Lk. 9:23; Mk. 8:34-36; 10:25; 2 Tim. 3:12). At the same time there exists a self-centered hypocrisy across our Laodicean church-age that actively promotes the perception that we can please the Lord as disciples of Jesus Christ and feel safe, secure, and settled in this present evil world (Jas. 4:4; 1 Jn. 2:15-17). This has led many Christians to convince themselves they are faithful disciples while remaining among the multitudes rather than becoming true disciples by leaving the multitudes, going to Jesus, and truly following him (Lk. 14:25-35; Acts 11:26). The danger we all face is that we are Laodiceans that tend to adopt this compromised, corrupt mindset (Rev. 3:14-22). If we are to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, we must daily know the cost, count the cost, and make the decision.

1. Poverty – Lk. 6:20, 24; 18:11-14; Prov. 13:7; Rev. 3:17-18; Heb. 11:24-26

2. Hunger – Lk. 6:21, 25; Deut. 8:3; Job 32:12; Jn. 6:35; 4:31-35; 1 Cor. 4:11; Matt. 8:20; Rev. 7:16-17

3. Weeping – Lk. 6:21, 25; 1 Sam. 1:8; 2 Sam. 12:21; 15:30; 19:1; 2 Chr. 34:27; Job 30:25; Ps. 126:6; Jer. 13:17; Ezek. 9:4; Lk. 7:36-50; Phil. 3:18; Jas. 4:8-10

4. Rejection – Lk. 6:22-23, 26; Jn. 15:18-20; 7:7; 17:14; 1 Thess. 2:14-16; Acts 8:51-52; 1 Pt. 4:12-16; Jn. 9:22; Is. 65:5; 66:5; Lk. 13:34; 2 Cor. 12:15; Heb. 13:12-13