

STUDY GUIDE | JUNE 27, 2021

LUKE: FOLLOWING THE WAY OF THE CROSS

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- Know the WHY.
- Who/what do I love most?
- Count the cost and pay the price.
- Jesus calls His disciples first to bear the cross before wearing the crown.
- Self denial is the basic currency in God's kingdom economy.
- Not what we possess but what possesses us; whatever we value most becomes our master.
- Progress not perfection.

LET'S TALK

- 1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
- 2. Read Luke 14:25-33.
 - a. In verse 26, Jesus says anyone who does not hate their father and mother... even their own life cannot be his disciple. What does he mean by that?
 - b. Being a disciple means to carry your own cross? What does that mean for you?
 - c. Have you ever started something without counting the cost? How did that work out?
 - d. How do you respond to Jesus' statement that disciples must give up everything (v. 33)?
 - e. Why do you think Jesus teaches his disciples to consider the cost of being his disciple?
- 3. In his message, Pastor Andrew says, "Bearing the cross means getting out of our comfort zone, being vulnerable, encountering danger, dealing with opposition, and offering sacrifice..."

 Which of these aspects do you find the most difficult?
- 4. Pastor Andrew quotes Tim Keller as saying that the issue "is not so much that [we] love career or family too much, but that [we] love God too little in proportion to them ..."

 Do you agree with this?
- 5. Pastor Andrew says that following Jesus means comfort is never guaranteed, convenience is never promised and complacency is not allowed. Is there anything keeping you from following Jesus more closely? What is one thing you can do this week to "bear your cross" and follow Jesus?

LET'S PRAY: Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).



