

Community Group Guide

Week of April 10

First Place

Luke 14:25-35

Sermon Discussion Questions

Have you ever climbed a 14er?

Have you ever been caught in a storm?

Have you ever underestimated an activity that you set out to accomplish?

Luke 14:25 tells us an interesting detail. What is this detail? Why is it interesting? What reality check did Jesus provide to the group?

Read Luke 14:25-35.

What does Jesus say following Jesus will cost us?

Are we to hate family and self?

How can Jesus say that we are to honor our Father and Mother and then tell us to hate them?

What does it mean for Jesus to have first place in our lives?

How do parents have a tendency to miss the mark in priorities?

What do our children see when they look at the nitty gritty of our lives as parents?

What does it mean when pastor Jeff says, “the vertical before the horizontal?”

What does it mean when Pastor Jeff says, “those who love God first, love best?”

What does it mean that following Jesus will cost you relationally?

How is denying yourself what you want like death? How does it bring life?

Why do you think Ivy League schools have classes on happiness?

Why do we need to hear the word of God most?

How is the call of discipleship a call to self-denial?

What comes to life that is beautiful when we deny ourselves and follow Jesus fully?

What does it mean to “count the cost” of following Jesus?

What should we do with our imperfections of following Jesus? How should we look at our imperfections of following Jesus in light of the sermon from this last Sunday?

What does it mean that our commitment to Jesus can deteriorate over time?

How can we encourage others in this group to not let our commitment to Jesus deteriorate?