

# The Gospel in Action (18)

## The Cost

Mark 8:31-38

**Intro: Five Men from Wheaton**

### I. The Cost of Saving the World (v. 31-33)

### II. The Cost of Following the Savior (v. 34-38)

**Conclusion: They Were No Fools**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you about the five missionaries who risked their earthly lives to bring the Gospel to the Auca/Waodani people of Ecuador?
2. Why do you think Jesus' revelation that He must suffer and die in order to SAVE the world was so shocking to the Disciples? What was your initial reaction to hearing the Gospel for the first time? Was it surprising to you that Jesus had to die for our sins? How have you come to understand this truth since that time?
3. What does it look like for you personally to "deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus"? In what ways is your life different for following Him? What sacrifices are you willing to make in THIS life because of the promise that you will be with Christ in the NEXT life?
4. Jim Elliot, one of the missionaries who gave his life to bring the Gospel to the jungles of Ecuador, famously said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose." How does that statement impact you or inspire you for the days ahead in your own discipleship journey?

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