

## Discussion Questions

### Discipleship as reflected in the Book of Luke

#### Topics

1. The cost of discipleship – Luke 14:25-33
2. The call to discipleship - The Parable of the Minas - Luke 19:11-27
3. Two kinds of Disciple – Mary and Martha - Luke 10:38-42

#### **1. The cost of discipleship – Luke 14:25-33**

How does discipleship differ from simply believing in Jesus?

Scripture Focus: Luke 14:25-33

##### 1. Travelling with Jesus vs Following Jesus

- The passage opens with large crowds travelling with Jesus. What does this tell us about their level of commitment?
- How do we see this distinction in today's world—between those who are simply interested in Jesus and those who are truly following Him?
- Have you ever faced a moment when you had to decide between merely believing in Jesus and fully committing to Him? What was that experience like?

##### 2. Jesus Above Everything Else

- How does prioritising Jesus transform the way we relate to family, friends, and ourselves?
- What are some ways modern culture defines “success” that might compete with discipleship?
- How can families today make following Jesus the highest priority?

##### 3. The Challenge of Possessions

- How can possessions or material concerns hinder discipleship?
- If 25% of believers truly renounced their attachment to possessions, how might that impact our culture and world?

##### 4. Carrying the Cross

- Jesus says, “Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” What does cross-bearing look like in our daily lives?
- Consider Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus carry His cross. How does his story inform our understanding of discipleship?

## **2. The call to discipleship - The Parable of the Minas - Luke 19:11-27**

- What does the instruction to "engage in business until I come" (v. 13) mean for us today?
- What was wrong with the third servant's attitude, and why was his "fear" not an acceptable excuse for inaction?
- What "minas" (spiritual gifts, truth, resources, time) has God entrusted to you to invest?
- Do you have a "handkerchief" (excuses, apathy, fear) hiding your gifts, rather than putting them to work?
- How does the reality of a future evaluation (v. 15) impact your daily choices and priorities?
- How can our group better "do business" or spread the gospel in a world that often rejects our King (v. 14)?
- What is one step you can take this week to be more faithful and productive with what you have been given?

**Reflective Thought:** If Jesus returned today, would He commend you for multiplying what you were given, or rebuke you for hiding it?

## **3. Two kinds of Disciple – Mary and Martha - Luke 10:38-42**

What does this story reveal about the core priorities of a disciple?

What does it mean that Martha was "distracted by much serving" (v. 40)?

Why does Jesus describe Mary's choice as the "good portion" that "will not be taken away" (v. 42)? What about this choice is fundamentally different from the things Martha is prioritising?

Is Martha's service inherently sinful, or is the issue her attitude and distraction? How can we be "Martha" with "Mary" hearts?

Do you relate more to Martha or Mary, and why? How do you see these roles shifting in your own life based on the season you are in?

What are the "many things" that cause you to worry, feel distracted, and pull you away from Jesus? What needs to change to prioritise the "one thing" that is needed?