



Week Seven: Counting the Cost – Study Guide

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Following Jesus doesn't just cost you something; it costs you everything. Those can be difficult words to hear and even harder words to grasp when it comes to your everyday life. Yet, Jesus invites us to count the cost, bear our cross, and follow Him. In this study, we are going to look at some of Jesus' most direct words about following Him.

Where Am I Today?

- 1) Have you ever been in a situation where you started something, didn't take into consideration the details, and then weren't able to completely follow through the way you wanted? Share your story.

Into the Bible

- 2) Take a look at Jesus' direct words on discipleship in **Luke 14:25-33**. What is Jesus trying to convey when He uses the word hate?
- 3) What does it mean to bear your cross? Why is Jesus saying it's important to count the cost before you make your decision to follow Him?

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How Does This Apply?

- 4) What are you holding onto in your life that you're not willing to "renounce"? (From Luke 14:33.)

- 5) Are you willing to take inventory of your life and see if you love Christ above all else? What's in the wrong place?

Take Action

Through Go Bananas, we have the amazing opportunity to get out in our community, share lunch, meet our neighbors and make new friends. What's your part in Go Bananas? Wherever your space is on the team, be encouraged that you are making a difference. The lunch you pack can start a conversation. Your serving can show Jesus' love to someone else. Don't have a spot yet? Find yours at www.covechurch.org/gobananas.

Continue Learning on Your Own

- 6) In Scripture, Jesus often urges His followers to be like salt. **Read Luke 14:34-35** and **Matthew 5:13-16**. What is the meaning behind Jesus' command for Christ followers to remain salty? What are some important things we can do to ensure we don't lose our effectiveness?

