

Loyalty to Jesus Above All

The Call to Discipleship: Part 1

Sermon Questions

1. List at least two examples of popular calls or invitations to non-believers to become Christians:

2. Jesus repeats “cannot be my disciple” _____ times indicating that he wants us to understand what it means to follow him as a disciple.

3. The first aspect of Jesus’ call to discipleship is: Loyalty to Jesus above _____.

4. A parallel passage is found in Matthew _____:_____.

5. God often tests people like Abraham by asking them to sacrifice their sons. (Yes/No)

6. If we cannot obey Christ in the _____ things, how will we obey in the bigger things?

7. When we put love for Christ above all, love for family flourishes. (Yes/No)

8. Ranking loyalties like (1) God; (2) family; (3) church; (4) work; (5) world is helpful. (Yes/No)

9. The second aspect of Jesus’ call to discipleship is: Loyalty to Jesus above _____.

10. What disciple illustrates this call put aside self for Christ? _____ (Mt 16:22–24)

11. What three things should we take away from these words of Jesus?

i. Understand _____.

ii. Consider _____.

iii. Consider _____.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Did you have a different understanding of Jesus' words before this sermon? Put into your own words what Jesus is saying about discipleship in these verses.
2. Why do Jesus' words sound so foreign or shocking to our modern ears? Why is it that Christians today have trouble including words like this in a call to follow Jesus and be a disciple of his?
3. Write a paragraph describing Jesus' greatness. See how many aspects of his personhood, character, and works you can include. Does reading this not raise the affections of your heart?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

