

“The Parables # 4”

Luke 14: 25 - 35... (Parable of The Uncompleted Tower... Counting the Cost)

Last week, question: Luke 7: 48 – 50 (Greek Expanded Translation)

“And He said to her, your sins are forgiven. And those at the table with Him began to be saying among themselves. Who is this fellow who even forgives sins? And He said to the woman, your faith has saved you. **Be going away into a state of peace.”**

Text...

➤ **V 25...** Great multitudes were with Him

ESV: *“Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them”*

Greek Expanded: *“Now, many crowds were journeying along with Him. And having turned around, He said to them.”*

- The point is... Jesus is not concerned with the crowds, or numbers.
- Mega churches don't impress Him
- Average size church (30 – 50) people... even in larger churches only 10% support it.

V's 26 – 27 Read...

- **Pretty tough talk, hard saying...** (Hate your own family, own spouse)
- **Expanded...** *“In the event they become hindrances to your Love for Me”*
- **Real Possibility that you might lose or strain some relationships**

V's 28 – 30... Let's look at the Parable.

- **We must count the cost**

V's 31 – 33... Another Parable with basically the same message.

- We need to consider... it may cost you everything you have to be a Disciple of Jesus.
- Promises to repay us... for our faithfulness... [Matt 19: 27 – 30]

“Then Peter answered and said to Him see, we have left all and followed You. Therefore, what shall we have? So, Jesus said to them, assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on the twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Matt. 10: 32 – 39

Luke 12: 49 – 53

Luke 14: 34 – 35 (Text)

- What do you think salt has to do with these Parables and counting the cost?
- What is the significance?

Greek Expanded Translation: (Luke 14: 34 – 35)

“Therefore, salt is excellent in its nature and characteristics, and therefore well adapted to the purpose for which it is in existence. But if also the salt loses its strength and flavor, by what means shall it be restored to its original state? Neither for the land nor for the manure pile is it fit. They throw it outside. He who has ears to be hearing, let him be hearing.”

- We are the salt of the earth!
- What are some characteristics of salt?