



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

The Cost of Being a Disciple of Jesus July 11-13, 2020

Matthew 10:34-42

34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' 37 "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. 40 "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

1. Agree/disagree: Jesus came to bring peace to our world.

2. Agree/disagree: Jesus came to turn family members against each other.

3. Have you ever experienced tension in your extended family, because of your confession of Christ? Explain.

4. Give an example of something you have "lost" because you are a disciple of Jesus?

5. What does idolatry look like in your life?

6. What other "costs" of Christian discipleship might a person incur?

7. Why are you a disciple of Christ, in spite of the costs?

8. What will you take home from this reading/sermon?