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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

Other than a house – what is the most expensive thing you remember buying? Why was it important to you?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

Observation Questions

1. What does Jesus mean when He says we must “hate” our family and even our own lives to be His disciple in Luke 14:26?
2. How does the imagery of carrying a cross (Luke 14:27) help us understand the nature of personal submission and sacrifice in discipleship?
3. Carrying our cross involves daily decisions to put Jesus’ will above our own. Can you identify a specific area where you struggle with this? How can you start making different choices?
4. In the parable of the builder (Luke 14:28-30), what is the significance of counting the cost before starting a project?
5. Building on the right foundation means relying on Jesus rather than our own efforts. How can you shift your focus from self-reliance to divine dependence in your daily activities?
6. How does the parable of the king going to war (Luke 14:31-32) illustrate the importance of seeking peace with God?
7. Reflect on your current priorities. Is there an area in your life where Jesus is not first? What steps can you take to change that?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

The sermon emphasized being “all-in” for Jesus. What does being “all-in” look like in your current stage of life, and what changes might you need to make to fully embrace this call?