



JESUS

CHANGES EVERYTHING

"THE COST"

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2. Following Jesus means I respond _____.

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For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)

3. Following Jesus may _____ me.

Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family." But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:61-62 (NLT)

"Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other! From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against - or two in favor and three against. 'Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'" Luke 12:51-53 (NLT)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

Have you ever started a project and then realized you were in way over your head? Share what that was like.

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

- Read Luke 14:28. How does the metaphor of a builder calculating the cost before construction give you a peek into the nature of discipleship?
- How might the process of counting the cost of discipleship affect someone's decision to follow Jesus? Think back on your own life; what are the 'costs' you have encountered in your commitment to follow Jesus? How do you feel about these costs?
- Read Luke 9:61-62, what is Jesus saying about the commitment required when we decide to follow Him?
- According to 2 Corinthians 6:2, when is the right time to respond to God's call? Why does this passage emphasize the urgency of responding to God's call?
- Can you think of any areas in your life where you might be hesitating in your obedience to Christ? What steps can you take to address this?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

What is one decision you have been putting off that you know God is calling you to make? How can you take action on it this week?