THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOR STUDENTS

UNIT 23 | SESSION 2

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Luke 9:57-62; 14:25-35

MAIN POINT:
Discipleship involves a total and costly commitment to following Jesus.

HIS STORY

- **How should our verbal commitment to follow Jesus lead to action?**
- **How has following Jesus altered your priorities?**
- **How does your love for Jesus affect and surpass your love for your earthly relationships?**
- **What might giving Jesus our total commitment look like at this point in your life?**
- **Why should we reflect on the level of our commitment to Jesus throughout our Christian life? How might doing so encourage us to make our commitment to Him stronger?**

Essential Doctrine

Discipleship | Discipleship is a process that takes place both formally and informally to effect spiritual maturity as people follow Jesus. Informal discipleship, as passages like Deuteronomy 6:4-9 suggest, happens everywhere, in every arena of life. Growing in our faith and deepening our walk with Christ is something that requires our whole life, not just the mind. Formal discipleship refers to periods of instruction. We make disciples through our words and actions, providing verbal instruction from God's Word and non-verbal examples through our lives (Acts 20:17-24).

Christ Connection

Jesus taught that being His disciple comes at a cost. To be His disciple requires a clear and total commitment and will involve sacrifice. When we commit our entire lives to Jesus as His disciples, we emulate the One who laid down His life on our behalf for our salvation.

HEAD

- **What can we learn from Jesus' example when it comes to giving our all to God?**
- **How is the reward we gain from knowing Jesus greater than any earthly reward we give up in order to follow Him**

HEART

- **How does a commitment to follow Jesus begin with the heart?**
- **What can we do if we find our hearts more in love with the things of this world than with following after Jesus?**

HANDS

- **What are some areas in your life that are holding you back from a whole-hearted commitment to following Jesus?**
- **How can our full commitment to following Jesus help us serve others in their need of knowing Him?**