



PREACHING CURRICULUM

THE COST & CALM OF FOLLOWING JESUS MATTHEW 8:18-27

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

What was the cost of knowing Jesus to the first-century teacher of the law and to the disciple of Christ? What two considerations does this raise? _____

What is the cost of our justification? What is the cost of our sanctification and discipleship? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What calm is Christ offering you in the midst of the storms of life? What brings about fear, worry, and doubt into your life? Why do you fear, worry, and doubt? _____

What excuses are most likely to cause delay or difficulty in your discipleship? What excuse are you using right now? What are some behaviors that need to change or some things you might need to relinquish in order to follow Jesus with more purpose this week? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

How are you putting into practice the things you believe to be true in your walk with Christ? _____

What must you surrender to Christ and trust His sovereign plan and control over your life circumstances, so that you don't live in fear? _____

If we incur the cost of following, Christ will grant us calm through the storms of life.

- It will cost you to follow Jesus.

Our Savior transforms our behavior

Consider this: Jesus knows the human heart & will not share it, and Jesus wants quality disciples over quantities of disciples.

- If you count the cost, it will calm you to follow Jesus

Mature faith calls us to be calm even before He calms the storm.

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will you commit to paying the cost of following Jesus and not be driven by fear this week? _____

5 PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT