

## “Disciples: Count the Cost and Experience the Benefits”

### Making and Being a Disciple P?

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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt 11:28-30 NIV

#### I. To be a Disciple I must - REALIZE The Yoke IS on Me!

##### Who and What am I Yoked (Guided and Controlled) **by right now?**

- Possessions \_\_\_\_\_
- People \_\_\_\_\_
- Plans \_\_\_\_\_

When you were slaves to sin (bondage), you were free from the control of righteousness. **What benefit** did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, **the benefit you reap leads to holiness (FREEDOM)**, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 6:20-23 NIV

##### What is being Yoked (Guided and Controlled) **by this “World” Costing Me?**

Salvation    Peace    Purpose \_\_\_\_\_?

#### II. To be a Disciple I must – REALIZE It will only cost me what will kill me!

“I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.”

Luke 14:24 NIV

##### What “legitimate” things in my life are costing me?

- If I can just get this house, \_\_\_\_\_?

#### III. To be a Disciple I must – REALIZE – It will cost me only what is mine

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything **he has** cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33 NIV

What do I need to ‘give’ to God \_\_\_\_\_?

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters — yes, even his own life — he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26-27 NIV

#### IV. To be a Disciple I must REALIZE – This life is not all that there is

“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake **will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life**. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.” Matt 19:29-30 NIV

What am I looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_?

