

# PART V: Imitate me

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## SILENCE, PRAYER AND WORSHIP.

Take a minute in silence to put your focus on Jesus

## DIVIDE IN TRIADS

- 1) Share one or two good things that happened in the last week
- 2) Share one or two not-so good things that happened in the last week
- 3) Update each other about last week's prayer petitions and share any new one you might have

## LAST WEEK'S PRACTICE

Last week's practice was at the end of each day, think and write: 1) the interruptions you had, 2) how you reacted to them 3) and how Jesus would have reacted if He had been in your position. And then, end by asking God for forgiveness (if applicable) for having your own agenda and not the Father's. Or thanking Him (if applicable) for helping you have the Father's agenda

- What was the most difficult thing about having The Father's agenda and not yours?
- What could you do so that having The Father's agenda becomes a lifestyle and not a one-time thing?

## SUMMARY

Jesus was honest and honorable by not hiding what it costs to make the decision to follow him. And that wasn't just for the early followers of Jesus or the apostles; it was and continues to be for everyone who wants to follow him. Today we believe that being a Christian is going to church, but in the Bible we can see that for Jesus it's to die each day to you own desires so you can then live for God

## SUNDAY'S TEACHING

- What did the Holy Spirit speak to you (or got your attention) about Sunday's teaching?

### **Matthew 16:24-26**

- Why do you think Jesus had to be so explicit in saying what it really means to be his disciple?
- Dallas Willard writes that **we count the cost of discipleship (as in Matthew 16:26) but we often forget that “the cost of non-discipleship” is greater than the price we could pay to walk with Jesus.** What do you think of that phrase? Have you ever thought about what it would mean to not follow Jesus?

## THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE.

Today we will be evaluating the cost of following Jesus and the cost of not following Jesus

### **First.**

- Take a couple of minutes to write down (based on what you've heard and learned) what your personal cost is to following Jesus
  - You can write it in paragraph form or as bullet points
  - Some examples are: leaving some friends, changing some habits, forgiving certain people, etc.
  - Be as specific as possible
- **Following Jesus** is going to cost me:

## **Second.**

- Take a couple of minutes to write below (based on what you've heard and learned) what your personal cost is for not following Jesus
  - You can write it in paragraph form or as bullet points
  - Some examples are: having no purpose in my life, living in anxiety and fear, not being able to forgive, etc
  - Be as specific as possible
- **To not follow Jesus** is going to cost me:

- One or two people who would like to share what they wrote

## **THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE**

This week's practice is; As you go through your week, keep adding to the list reasons why you will have a hard time following Jesus, and reasons why you will have a hard time not following Jesus. And before next Wednesday, take about 10-15 minutes to reflect and write down what this comparison practice helped you see. And, if possible, may it help you make a decision (if you haven't already) to die to yourself, follow Jesus, and live for God