

## Are You a Disciple of Jesus? – Part 5: Your Purpose (Luke 14:34-35)

### REVIEW:

#### Three Elements Are Required for True Discipleship:

1. Placing God's Truth into My Head – LEARNING – Pedagogy
2. Putting God's Truth into My Actions – LIVING – Practice
3. Prioritizing God's Truth in My Choices – LEAVING – Priorities

*We must be learning, and living what we learn, and leaving our priorities for new priorities (Luke 14:25-35).*

#### Leaving Requires Changes to Three Key Areas of Priority:

##### 1. God Precedes All PEOPLE (God Displaces All Relationships)

<sup>26</sup> If anyone comes to Me and **DOES NOT** hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, **he cannot be My disciple.**

##### 2. God Defines All PURSUITS (God Replaces All Ambitions)

<sup>27</sup> And whoever **DOES NOT** bear his cross and come after Me **cannot be My disciple.**

##### 3. God Controls All POSSESSIONS (God Governs All Belongings)

<sup>33</sup> So likewise, whoever of you **DOES NOT** forsake all that he has **cannot be My disciple.**

#### Jesus Gives Two Examples of Counting the Cost: Building & Fighting

- Jesus shares these to illustrate the importance of counting the cost.
- Jesus has counted the cost, and these 3 priorities reflect that cost.

#### Avoid Common Errors People Make About These Parables

1. Error #1: Trying to Define All the Details
2. Error #2: Relating this Passage to Salvation
3. Error #3: Suggesting Discipleship Is Only for the Serious

#### Find Biblically Consistent Clarity in These Parables

1. Works Can Never Save You
2. Discipleship Is Not Optional
3. Jesus, Not You, Counts the Cost

#### Summary Thoughts on the Two Parables

- Jesus is not offering the option of discipleship; He is defining it.
- Jesus is describing the obedient Christian life; the only other life is a life of disobedience and rejection of His revealed will for your life.

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## Discipleship: Understanding Your Purpose

<sup>34</sup> "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?"

<sup>35</sup> "It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, *but* men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### Jesus Illustrates Our Sole Purpose Using Salt

#### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Statement About Salt

- **Therefore** – illustrating what He just said (<sup>NAU</sup> "Therefore, salt is good")
- **Good the salt** – common knowledge (lit. "excellent therefore the salt")
- The focus is on salt's ability to **season** (not to preserve, etc.)

#### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Savorless Salt

- **If the salt becomes tasteless** – loss of its \_\_\_\_\_ purpose
  - **saltiness**, in this context, is the 3 priorities
  - **becomes tasteless (foolish)** – passive, happens from \_\_\_\_\_
    - our priorities are shaped only by purposefully choosing
    - not choosing means our priorities are chosen for us
  - **without the 3 priorities**, we have missed our \_\_\_\_\_
- **How will it be seasoned?**
  - There is no re-salting of salt.
  - Only salt does what salt does.
  - There is no backup option to 3-priority discipleship (outfielder).

#### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Existence of Savorless Salt

- **Is...Fit ("useful it is being")** – The point is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **"Neither..."** – Worse than worthless. It misses its primary purpose, has no other useful secondary purpose, and can even be harmful.
  - **For the land** – Not usable as soil (kills plants)
  - **For the dunghill** – Not usable as fertilizer (ruins land)
- **"Outside they are throwing it"** – No value or use; hard to dispose of.

#### 4. The Command to \_\_\_\_\_ (& to \_\_\_\_\_)

- **WHO: The ones having ears to be hearing**
- **WHAT: Let them be hearing!**

#### Closing Thoughts:

Discipleship leads to \_\_\_\_\_ & produces \_\_\_\_\_.

Refusal to follow Jesus by adopting these priorities is **disobedience**, and misses God's design for your life on earth, and results in being useless in matters of eternal impact during your lifetime. Will **you** be a disciple of Jesus?