

# The Cost of Discipleship

(Luke 14:25-33)

- Introduction:
1. “Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross...” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).
  2. In short, cheap grace is wanting Jesus as your Savior, but not as your Lord.
  3. In this lesson, I want to emphasize the rigors of being a follower of Jesus, as well as the reward.

## I. Many Called, But Few Chosen

- A. It’s hard for some to believe that Jesus would ever turn anyone away, because they’re not familiar with the Jesus revealed in Scripture.
- B. (Mark 10:17-22) Jesus let the rich, young, ruler walk away.
- C. (Luke 9:57-62) Hardship, priority, and no regrets.
- D. (Luke 14:25-33) Weighing the cost.
- E. Discipleship is not for everyone.

## II. The Cost of Discipleship – Practical Applications

- A. (Matthew 13:44-46)
- B. Job – (Ephesians 4:28).
- C. Friends – (1 Peter 4:4).
- D. Family – (Matthew 10:34-39).
- E. Marriage – (Luke 16:18; Matthew 19:12).
- F. Behavior – (Colossians 3:5-8).

## III. The Reward of Discipleship

- A. You will become greater conformed to the image of Jesus (Romans 8:29).
- B. By your example, you will help others acquire eternal life (1 Timothy 4:16).
- C. You will be granted eternal life (Matthew 25:23; John 14:1-3).

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, there is no such thing as “cheap grace.”
  2. Grace was costly to Jesus (Acts 20:28).
  3. And grace is costly to anyone who chooses to become a disciple of Jesus (Matthew 10:38).
  4. However, the reward is great – eternal life.
  5. So that leaves us with a choice. Do we lose our life so we can find it; or do we live to ourselves and die without God?