

Scripture Lessons: Mark 8:34-35, Luke 14:25-27

Title: The Cost of Being A Christian

Introduction: Today we want to explore the cost of discipleship, and as we explore, we will learn that it is a sacrifice.

The big question about discipleship that I want us to talk about today is: Am I just involved with Jesus, or am I completely committed to Jesus?

1. What is a disciple?

Mark 8:34 reads: Then he said to them all, “Then Jesus called the crowd, along with his disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me...”



2. What does it mean to deny ourselves?

Now large crowds were accompanying Jesus, and turning to them he said, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:25-27)

Conclusion: The symbol that represents Christianity and discipleship is the cross. Why the cross?