# Sermon RE:source

Potent Christians

Luke 14:25-35 Andy Hlushak on 25 May 2014

# **RE:minders: Announcements & Events**

- WOMEN'S TRAINING DAY: You are warmly invited to New City's first *Women's Training Day* on Saturday June 7th, 9:00-11:30AM. Please join us for a time of teaching, prayer, discussion and delicious breakfast. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other ladies at New City and invite friends to hear a Gospel-Centered message from Lauren Hlushak applicable to all women.
- **PASTOR'S COFFEE:** Sunday June 1st New City is hosting a brief coffee for anyone interested in getting more info about New City. We'd love for you to bring your questions and get more connected.
- **UPPER ROOM PRAYER:** The first sunday of the month is our monthly group prayer led by one of the pastors, before service, in our Upper Room (above the kitchen) from 8:50-9:30am.

# **RE:call: Scripture & Notes**

This weeks teaching can be **<u>downloaded here</u>**, or found at **<u>newcitydenver.org/resources/sermons/</u>** 

# Read: Luke 14:25-35

- A.) v.25-27 Followers or Disciples
  - "great crowds accompanied him"
  - Distinction between people simply around Him, following, and folks who are His disciples
  - The word "HATE" means a sense of indifference to or relative disregard for others in comparison with our love of and devotion toward Jesus
  - FOLLOWERS: along for the ride and the goodies, around but not really committed
  - DISCIPLES: sold out, their devotion affects all of who they are, absolute commitment

### B.) v.28-32 Disciples Count the Cost

- Jesus makes this statement and then backs it up with two analogies
- Potential is planned potency
- Disciples are potent, Followers are not

### C.) v.33-35 The Nature of Disciples is Potent

- Salt is Potent it has an impact, effect on what it's around
- The point is to REMAIN POTENT, to have an impact on this world and with your life ...
  - Commit to Jesus first and most before all people
  - $\cdot$  Commit to Jesus first and most before all of your things
- "All of Christ in All of Life" there is no middle ground

### D.) Summary of Application

- The Trajectory of A Disciple is ...
  - Having a Repentant Testimony
  - Acknowledge: Follower or Disciple?
  - Disciples Count the Cost
  - $\cdot$   $\;$  The Nature of a Disciple is to be Potent

## **RE:sponse: Discussion & Action**

Jesus turns to the crowds following Him and makes a statement that will help them clarify why they are following Him. He challenges their allegiance and commitment, not because He wants them to stop following Him, but precisely because He wants them to repent of their selfish motives for following and believe the Truth about Himself.

- 1. Why are you a Christian? What is your motive for being discipled by Jesus?
- 2. Are you committed to Jesus Christ more then anyone else in your life? Why or Why not?
- 3. What does it practically look like to be committed to Jesus first and foremost?
- 4. Does full devotion to Jesus alone change any of your other relationships? How? Why or why not?

"Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27

- 5. What does it mean to bear your cross and follow after Jesus?
- 6. What aspect of discipleship is Jesus referring to when He talks about the builder? the king at war?

"So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear." - Luke 14:33-35

- 7. Why is it vital to the disciple to "renounce" all that he/she has when following Jesus?
- 8. What makes a disciple potent/salty?
- 9. How can you remain a potent christian throughout your life?
- 10. When thinking about the cost of discipleship, what does it take to be a disciple of Jesus?

# **RE:write: Notes & Study**