

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP
Matthew 8:18-22 // September 17, 2023 PM

I. Christ evades insincere disciples who follow Him in search of physical gain (v. 18).

II. Christ embraces sincere disciples who follow Him in spite of physical cost (vv. 19-22).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. If great crowds are following Jesus, why does He seek to get away from them by crossing the sea?
2. Is Jesus a means to an end or an end in Himself? Why does it matter?
3. How can Jesus use hard situations in life to reveal that we have been seeking Him to the end of having a beautiful life and family?
4. Pastor Nick called the two would-be disciples in our text Mr. Hasty and Mr. Hesitant. Why? How can we fall into these same errors?
5. How does Jesus respond to the desires of these men to follow Him? What do His words teach us about the nature of true discipleship?
6. Did these men continue to follow Him, or did Christ's words drive them away?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I ever been angry at Christ for not giving me what I thought I deserved for following Him? If so, how is that mindset similar to that of the crowds?
2. Why is the evasion of Christ the worst thing imaginable for the Christian?
3. What does costly discipleship look like in the midst of the comforts we experience as Christians in 21st century America?