

Getting Started

1. What is the greatest price you have paid to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
2. While we may not be asked to give up our lives, what types of things might we be required to give up following Jesus?
3. Bonhoeffer was an early vocal opponent of the Nazi regime in Germany. Do you use your voice to speak out against oppression and injustice?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 105

Q. What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others;¹ rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge.²

I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either.³

Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.⁴

¹ Gen. 9:6; Lev. 19:17-18; Matt. 5:21-22; 26:52 ² Prov. 25:21-22; Matt. 18:35; Rom. 12:19; Eph. 4:26 ³ Matt. 4:7; 26:52; Rom. 13:11-14 ⁴ Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:14; Rom. 13:4

How far does this commandment reach? Is there ever a situation it does not pertain to?

6. Read Luke 14:15-24. Contrast that parable with what Jesus says in Luke 14:25-35. What distinction is being made, if any?
7. Read Matthew 5:13-16 and Luke 14:34 & 35. What do these verses mean for us as disciples of Jesus Christ and witnesses for Jesus Christ?
8. Read through Luke 14:25-35. Do these words from Jesus make you uncomfortable? Do they bring you joy? Do they make you worry or wonder? Explain.

Application

9. Jesus lays down a big challenge for those who would follow him. They must pick up their cross and follow him. Dietrich Bonhoeffer embodied this well and followed Jesus until the end doing what he believed God was calling him to do. In the end, Dietrich died because he was speaking out and working against injustice. Are you ready to abandon everything to follow Jesus?

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Tough Teachings of Jesus

“The Cost of Discipleship”

“So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:33

- **The cost of discipleship can be _____.**

- **When we are _____, will we place Jesus’ _____ before those of the _____?**

- **Be prepared to _____ for Jesus.**

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