**CrossRoads Community Church**

**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of March 16, 2025**

***“The Cost of Discipleship, Part 2: The Character” Luke 14: 25-27***

**INTRODUCTION: *In the Cost of Discipleship, Bonhoeffer writes: “The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of his encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with his death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. It may be a death like that of the first disciples who had to leave home and work to follow him, or it may be a death like Luther’s, who had to leave the monastery and go out into the world. But it is the same death every time—death in Jesus Christ, the death of the old man at his call.***

**1. Come when invited**

***“Then He said to him, ‘A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready,’...” Luke 14: 16-17***

* + - ***Relate to the Redeemer – Revelation 3:20***
    - ***Respond with Respect – James 4:10***
    - ***Result of Refusal – Matthew 8: 10-13***

**2. care as instructed**

***Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.’” Luke 14: 25-26***

* + - ***Approach to the Family – Matthew 10: 34-37***
    - ***Alignment with the Father – Genesis 22:5***
    - ***Another Fellowship – Mark 10: 28-31***

**3. complete the investment**

***“So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” Luke 14:33***

* + - ***Count the Cost – Matthew 4: 18-22***
    - ***Continue with Christ – Luke 14: 34-35***

**CONCLUSION**

***Through the call of Jesus men become individuals. Every man is called separately, and must follow alone…Neither father nor mother, neither wife nor child, neither nationality nor tradition, can protect a man at the moment of his call. It is Christ’s will…that he should fix his eyes only upon Him.  
At the very moment of their call, men find that they have already broken with all the natural ties of life. For Christ has delivered them from immediacy with the world, and brought them into immediacy with Himself.***

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship**