

WEEK 2 - THE PASSIONATE DISCIPLE

THE GOSPEL CALLS FOR PASSIONATE SACRIFICE AND A COMPASSIONATE HEART

THE GOSPEL DEMANDS PASSIONATE SACRIFICE

Luke 14:25–35 (NIV) Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ ³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

#1. JESUS REQUIRES S R L E

Luke 14:26

Matthew 22:36–40 (NIV) “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 10:37 (NIV) “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

"Do you love Christ?"

I'm convinced that in our culture today we idolize our children and our marriages, sex, relationships, parents, families and friends to the point where Jesus Christ often gets the leftovers from our affections and it's unchristian!

#2. JESUS REQUIRES E A

Luke 14:27 (NIV) “And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:26 (NIV) ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate...yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

#3. JESUS REQUIRES T L

Luke 14:33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Hebrews 10:32–39 (NIV) ³²Remember those earlier days...when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering... ³⁴You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property... ³⁶You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God,...

THE GOSPEL DEMANDS PASSIONATE COMPASSION...

1. S L A S OF THE C N OF THE L T

Matthew 9:35–38 (NIV) Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

1. SEE THEIR S

2. FEEL THEIR S

3. REALIZE THEIR S

2. SACRIFICIAL OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMISSION OF CHRIST.

Matthew 10:5-42

1. GO TO G T N D

- Go to the s v8
- Go to the d v8
- Go to the d v8
- Go to the d v8
- In your going, t v9-10

2. GO TO G T D R

- H - some will accept, some will reject you v11
- I am sending you out like s among w v16
- Be as s as s v16
- You will be p v17
- You will be a v18
- You will be g what to s v19
- You will be b even by your f v21
- You will be h by some v22
- You will be j like m v23-28

Luke 6:40 (NIV) The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

Christ is calling for our Passionate Sacrifice and our Passionate Compassion

Questions for Group Discussion Week 2

Group Leaders: Do not feel you have to get through all of these questions. Go with a sense of the Spirit's leading

1. Introduction

- Share in your group one specific way God has encouraged or changed you this week regarding being a Passionate Disciple
- Give each person an opportunity to share one thing God really spoke to them about out of John's sermon. Dialogue as necessary on what is shared.

2. Last week we looked at Luke 14:25-35 and this week John spent more time on it. Read it again.

John mentioned in his sermon that when love for God is supreme in our lives, then things fall into place. Love for each other springs from love for God?

What has helped you to grow in your love for God?

What specifically hinders you growing in your love for God?

How can we limit the factors that hinder us growing in our love for God?

How can we continue to grow in our love for God?

What can we put in place? What must we do?

Consider Ephesians 3:14-21, 1 John 4:19-21

John quoted; 'I'm convinced that in our culture today we idolize our children and our marriages and sex, relationships, parents, families and friends to the point where Jesus Christ often gets the leftovers from our affections and it's unchristian!' We can also include here power, work, shopping, technological gadgets, TV, house, sport, money etc.

How have you wrestled with this personally? What is it that you have put before God?

What needs to change here? Next step? What/ who will help you to do this?

3. Part of the quote from David Platt comparing the ships purpose is:

"We're not going to use this ship anymore, our lives, our families, this church, to indulge our pleasures and sit by the pool and ask for more hors d'oeuvres to be delivered to us. Instead, we're going to transform everything to say how can we give our lives for the sake of accomplishing this mission.

On the cruise ship/ mission ship continuum where your life is primarily a cruise ship is a ONE and your life being primarily a mission ship is a TEN, what number would you rank your life at the moment? Are you ok with that number ranking? If not, what will help you move up the scale? What will need to happen? What is 1 step you can take that will move you along? Who can help you in this? How? What may make it difficult for you to move?

4. Read Luke 14:33. What does it mean for you to give up everything?

Discuss in your group.

5. Quietly sit before God now. Ask him to put one person on your heart who you can minister the love of Christ to this week in some way.