

THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

living and loving like Jesus

free... costs everything

26 May 2019

Key Scriptures

Matthew 11:28-30

Luke 14:25-35

1 John 2:5-6

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Questions – Talking Points

- Were there any parts that need more clarification? What stood out? What did you not understand? What did you see in a new light?

Summary

Jesus' Kingdom is open to all of us, but he asks everything from those who follow him. This is a radical call to actually reorient our lives, which is much more than simply a willingness to do so if the circumstances present themselves. If we take these words of Jesus seriously, they will change our lives in ways we cannot predict.

Read Luke 14:25-35

- Why do you think we have such a difficult time holding together the paradoxes of scripture?
- Part of understanding scripture is understanding the literary style. i.e. here: What is hyperbole?
- Who is a disciple? How does Jesus define that here?
- What are people's expectations of Jesus?
 - a) those with a church / Christian background or awareness?
 - b) those with no church / Christian background?
- How has Christianity become so cheap that actually following Jesus is no longer an expectation?
- What does it mean to "count the cost"? Why does Jesus say this is important?
- Why is being "willing to" not something that fits into Jesus' message?
- Why does Jesus view of absolute allegiance seem so unrealistic to most?
- How have you limited Jesus by making him part of your life instead of you being a part of His? Why is this:
 - a) easy to fall into doing?
 - b) not only against what Jesus said, but a sign one is not a disciple?
- How do you respond to the warning in **vv34-35**?

This Week

- Interact and reflect over the above questions
- Get connected to a group to think through this text & questions together. Or invite a couple of folks over for coffee to do this.
- Read the scriptures for this week: **Matthew 6:16-7:23**
- Develop the daily practice of **Read – Reflect – Pray – Live**

OCC | Michael Bells

64 Colborne St E ▪ Orillia ▪ ON

705.329.2139 ▪ info@occweb.org

www.facebook.com/occweb ▪ www.occweb.org