

## LUKE 14; August 31; The Cost of Discipleship

### ANALYSIS:

1. What is the significance of the statement in verse 1, "that they watched him"? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did Jesus ask the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the purpose of the parable that Jesus taught in verses 7-11? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the point of the parable in verses 15-24? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was unusual about Jesus' "invitation" that he gave to the multitude that followed him? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The Lord Jesus Christ is exceedingly worthy of our greatest devotion, obedience, zeal, and love. After all, he is the infinite Jehovah in the flesh, who not only created us, but also saved us from our sins by shedding his own blood on the cross of Calvary. Is it any surprise then that compared to our love for him we must hate our own dearest family members if we truly want to be his disciple. He does not settle for second best. He demands and requires the very best we can give him. Just remember, he made the ultimate sacrifice for us -- his own life and precious blood. In Matt 10:37-38 Jesus requires that we love him more than any close family member and take up our cross and follow Him -- or we are not worthy of Him. We fail to give Him proper honor. Here in Luke 14:26-27 Jesus says our pure devotion to Him is as "hate" toward our dear family members by comparison -- or we cannot be His disciple. Being a disciple of Jesus is costly, but He is worthy and He even rewards those who serve Him (Matt 10:41-42). What can you and I forsake today to tell the Lord that we are serious about being His disciple?

### HELP:

1. The Pharisees and Jewish leaders were always watching Jesus in order to find fault with him because they hated the pure and spotless Son of God.
2. Because it was lawful. The good and righteous thing to do was to heal the man with the dropsy on the Sabbath day. The lawyers and Pharisees would do as much for their own animals, but they did not want Jesus healing the infirm man.
3. The purpose was to teach the guests at the dinner that they should humble themselves instead of exalting themselves by wanting the chief seats (vv 7,11).
4. To demonstrate that the Jewish leaders of Christ's day were not in the kingdom of God and were not worthy of the kingdom of God.
5. Far from begging them to embrace him, accept him, believe him, or support him, he warned them in several ways that they could not be his disciples without significant sacrifice and self examination (vv 26-33). Not your normal altar call of the 21st century.