

**As We Go Up (Part 2) – Week 6 – July 6, 2025**  
**“Is He Worth It? Is He Worthy”**  
**Luke 14:25-35**

1. Jesus used strong, even jarring language to get the crowd's attention. What part of this passage (Luke 14:25-35) hits you hardest? Why do you think Jesus chose to speak so intensely to people who were already following him?
2. What does it look like to “carry your cross” in your life right now? Where do you feel the tension between your old self and the life Jesus is calling you to?
3. Jesus said we must love him more than family, friends—even ourselves. How do you balance your love for the people closest to you with your love for Christ? Have you ever had to choose faithfulness to Jesus over someone else's expectations?
4. Only with God does crucifixion become a path to life, not death. What have you had to lay down or “die to” in your walk with Jesus? What have you found on the other side of that sacrifice?
5. Jesus invites us to count the cost of discipleship. How often do you actually reflect on the cost of following Jesus? Do you find that cost worth it in your own life? Why or why not?
6. We're not just giving things up—we're gaining Christ. What are some of the things you've gained by following Jesus that you wouldn't trade for anything? How can remembering what you've gained help you stay faithful in hard seasons?
7. Jesus warned about losing our distinctiveness. Where do you see the risk of becoming spiritually neutral or lukewarm in your life? What practical steps can help you stay “salty” and different in a world that pushes conformity?
8. Final question Jesus leaves us with: Is He worth it? When you look at your life today—your priorities, your time, your heart—how are you answering that question? What can you answer that question with a clear and bold yes this week?