

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from March 9, 2008

“The Arrest of Christ”

Observing the text

Read Luke 14:25-33 and identify the three conditions for being a disciple of Christ.

What relationships were changed or lost in order for you to follow Christ with your whole life (v. 26)? Are there still affections in your heart that compete with the affection you should have for Christ? Pray about what should be done in those relationships.

What is the extent of your “cross-bearing and following in the sufferings and rejection of Christ (v. 27)? What is the benefit or satisfaction in sharing in the sufferings of Christ? Consider passages like Philippians 3.

What makes it so difficult to renounce all that we have in order to follow Christ (v. 33)? What would help us to renounce all that we have for Christ’s sake? Meditate on passages like Psalm 73.

Applying the sermon

Identify three specific ways (ie. thoughts, relationships, desires) you love yourself more than Christ (v. 26). Spend some time in prayerful repentance of that self-righteousness and replace it with a Christ-like attitude of self-denial.

What does it say about your life if you have not experienced rejection, suffering, and persecution (v. 27)? Jot down what you believe the Lord would have you to change in order to honor Him more boldly (see John 15:18-25).

Which possessions take up most of your time (v. 33)? How can you tell when they have become in the way of serving Christ?

Spend some time studying the Scriptures to see the cost that Christ paid for you (1 Cor. 6:20, Mark 10:45, Phil. 2). What is the cost that you are willing to pay in order to follow Him?

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