



# Commitment

**in a changing world**

**Luke 14v25-35**

**Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2016**

● **Contentment, comfort, curiosity and commitment.**

- ◇ **Commitment to the cause**
- ◇ **Commitment to the group**
- ◇ **Commitment to the individual**
- ◇ **Commitment to 'self'**

● **To gain everything you must give up everything**



**•Who cannot be a disciple of Jesus?**

**•Those who love their family more than Jesus cannot go with him. (v26)**

**•Those who love themselves more than Jesus cannot go with him. (v27)**

•Those who can't give up everything for Jesus cannot go with him. (v28-33)

•Those who are inactive and ineffective cannot go with him. (v34)

•Those with working ears will go with him. (v34b)

**Conversation starter:**

What is a commitment?



## Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

- Read Luke 14v25-35. What is your feeling and response to these verses? What do you think most shapes your response
- What most struck you from the talk? What do you feel God was saying to you?
- The 'large crowd' was made up of people with mixed reasons for being there. What are the reasons (good and bad) why people might crowd to Jesus today?
- Verses 26-27 are shocking. Why do you think Jesus says them the way he does? What should these verses make us see?
- Verses 28-33 speak of a cost. What might be the cost to following Jesus? Are you willing to consider and count the cost?
- 'The heart of staying salty is seeing Jesus as Lord.' Do you agree? How do we therefore help each other stay 'salty'?
- Who hears? (v35b) Why should this make us prayerful and thankful?

### At Work

- What are the practical implications of v26 for my attitude to my work and work colleagues?

### Dig Deeper

- In v32 Jesus uses the phrase 'not being able'. Do you think he is commending the decision of the King, or condemning it?

As you pray, remind each other who you are praying to with prayer or praise and acclamation! Let's get our eyes off us onto the one we are to be committed too!