
Digging Deeper and Rising Higher . . .

What did Jesus mean when He said disciples need to “hate” their family? What does this mean today?

Does Jesus leave room for a “half-caff” Christian? Why do you suppose that some want to follow Jesus, but on their own terms? How does Jesus view this? What are they missing out on?

Some thoughts to take with you . . .

The renewal of our natures is a work of great importance. It is not to be done in a day. We have not only a new house to build up, but an old one to pull down.

George Whitefield

Obedience) is not to be done slavishly, out of servile fear or out of some rigid, stoical desire for rule-keeping, but rather from a profound desire to express our love for the Father.

R.C. Sproul

"Thou shalt not" is the beginning of wisdom. But the end of wisdom, the new law, is, "Thou shalt." To be Christian is to be old? Not a bit of it. To be Christian is to be reborn, and free, and unafraid, and immortally young.

Joy Davidman

The Christian faith engages the profoundest problems the human mind can entertain and solves them completely and simply by pointing to the Lamb of God.

A. W. Tozer

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- 2) How will it affect my relationship to society? vs. 27
- 3) How will it affect the way I view my possessions? vs. 33
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KIDS NOTES

The Basic Expectations of Discipleship

The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- Jesus said that being His disciple means:
 - putting Him first in your list of relationships.
 - prizing Him above all your possessions.
 - following Him even when it costs you.
 - all of the above.

- Jesus told stories about:
 - building a tower, and fighting a war.
 - building a flower and fighting a boar.
 - building a mower and fighting a roar.
 - b and c above.

- When salt loses its "saltiness":
 - it turns into sugar.
 - it is useful as flour.
 - it is absolutely worthless.
 - all of the above

For Family Discussion: Is loving Jesus more about keeping rules, or delighting in relationship? Why?

Two Sundays from today, October 28, is Family Sunday. There will be no Children's ministry for grades 1-6. Kids get to join their parents for the Sunday morning services.

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

QUESTION _____	TOTAL: _____
DISCIPLE _____	_____
CROSS _____	_____
PRIORITY _____	_____
SALT _____	_____
COMMITMENT _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

QUESTION DISCIPLE CROSS PRIORITY SALT COMMITMENT COME
 HATE BROTHERS MOTHERS FATHERS SISTERS FAMILY CARRY
 DENY FOLLOW DISCIPLESHIP TOWER BUILD COST WAR ARMY SIN
 POSSESSIONS SOCIETY UPSTREAM EARS HEAR OBEY FAITH

R A H H T I F M U Q Q F S M F H Q
 Y M S F D K X P P H U N L A A E B
 S R E H T O R B I L O E F E I A E
 Y S R S R I S O H I O D S R T R X
 N J O E O R X H S B S I H T H A O
 E C W R E H F S E A L S K S I B H
 D O I H C N E Y L S S C I P E O H
 T T T R E S I T P O Q I L U P J N
 Y O S D S A B S I C V P S A R M Y
 M Y B O F U R V C I J L H T O Q F
 B R P R A W B S S E A E H B E A N
 N R I V C O M M I T M E N T M R C
 F A T H E R S M D Y O T K I P M S
 S C Q U J X B Y Z W S L L E M O C
 W O L L O F B U I L D Y Q Z M A D