INTRODUCTION – WHO IS A DISCIPLE PART II?

Luke tells us that great crowds were following Jesus. He turned around and said hard things to them. “You cannot be my disciple if you do not carry your own cross and follow me.” He tells them to count the cost. Who begins construction of a building without first checking to see if there is enough money to pay the bills? “No one can become my disciple without giving up everything for me.”

Billy Graham said: “Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have.”

What does it cost to be a follower of Christ?

1. It will cost us our self-righteousness (Luke 18:9-14). We must get rid of all our pride, thinking that our goodness will be enough. We must give up all trust in ourselves and trust in nothing but Jesus.

2. It will cost us our sins and habits. We must be willing to give up everything which does not please God. We must fight with sin and see it as a deadly enemy. We must hate all sin (Isaiah 1:16). Jesus will not receive us if we hold on to our sin.

3. It will cost us our love of ease. Jesus says that we must carry our cross. No one likes trouble or hardship. But we cannot follow Jesus if we want a life of ease (2 Timothy 2:3; 3:10-11). In our spiritual life also, there is “no gain without pain.”

4. It will cost us the favour and love of the world (1 John 2:15). We must be willing to face the scorn of others if we are going to please God (Isaiah 53:3). Jesus was despised and rejected. We cannot keep loving the world if we want to follow Jesus.

We should be willing to give up anything which stands between us and heaven. This means that everything in our life has to take second place in our walk with the Lord. What should our response be, if the Lord ask us to give up things such as:

b. Our family and relatives - Matthew 10: 37 – 38
c. Our occupation - Matthew 4: 18 – 22
d. Our possessions - Matthew 19: 16 - 22

What does the texts below tell us about some of the costs of discipleship? Matthew 18:8-9; Luke 6:35; Phil. 2:3.


CONCLUSION

There is no question that the cost of following Jesus can be high, perhaps the costliest thing that anyone can do. Indeed, we should question the reality of our faith and our commitment if following Christ hasn’t cost a lot, maybe even everything. But one thing is sure: whatever we gain in this life, whatever we accomplish, whatever we make for ourselves, it is only temporary. It is something that will not last. It will vanish and vanish forever. In contrast, what we gain through Jesus – eternal life in a new heaven and new earth – is by far worth more than anything and everything that this world could ever offer us.

Discipleship exacts the supreme price: undivided loyalty to Christ!
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Did you know that Noah’s Ark Food Bank visit Forton Home in Chatham on the last Saturday of each month to conduct a church service? It’s all part of Noah’s Ark Food Bank caring in the community.
Collect a leaflet today to find out more.

If you know someone in need of groceries collect a referral or self-referral form from the reception desk, fill it in and return it. Noah’s Ark Food Bank will be open on:

Date: Saturday 24th November | Venue: KCIC Prayer City | Time: 3pm – 5pm
Completed forms must be returned by Wednesday 20th November. All food parcels are required to be collected on Saturday 24th November by the recipient or referree.

CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED
KCIC, in collaboration with Churches Together in Medway, present Christmas unwrapped a Carol service for the whole family to enjoy. Featuring special guest speaker J John | We Can Sing UK Gospel Choir | Salvation Army Band and the KCIC Choir.
This carol service is an evangelical program to reach out to the unchurched and unsaved in Kent and Medway. Be a part of this service and invite your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues to be introduced to Christ.

Date: Sunday 9th December | Venue: KCIC Prayer City | Time: 6pm

WONDERS & MIRACLES (WAM) ALL NIGHT PRAYER NIGHT OF SUPERNATURAL SETTLEMENT

"...May the God of all grace, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." (1 Pet 5:10) NKJV

Are you looking for divine breakthrough in your circumstances or situation? Then don’t miss “A Night of Supernatural Settlement” hosted by Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo. Come and declare supernatural settlement for victory and breakthrough in all areas of your life.

Date: Friday 30th November | Venue: KCIC Prayer City | Time: 11pm
FREE: return shuttle buses from Essex, London and Kent

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MINISTERS APPRECIATION SUNDAY
The Ministers Appreciation Sunday will hold on:

Date: Sunday 2nd December
When a separate offering will be taken. This will be your opportunity to recognise all the hard work undertaken by the Ministers and Pastors who give up their time freely for our benefit. 1 Timothy 5:17.
Venue: Throughout all of KCIC | Time: 11am

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HAMPER CHALLENGE

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink….” Matthew 25:35 (NKJV)

As in years past, KCIC will be bringing the love and the spirit of Christmas to over 1000 families who are currently experiencing challenges within the KCIC family, Kent and London areas. You can be a blessing and make an impact in the community by sponsoring as many hampers as you can. Each hamper costs £25.

Let your light shine this Christmas and let the world know that Jesus lives. Collect a hamper sponsor form at the reception desk or call the Church office on 0208 525 0000.

Complete and return your form by placing them in the offering basket or handing them in at the reception desk. When using an offering envelope, please clearly label it HAMPER CHALLENGE when submitting your donation. Donations can also be made online at kcc.org.uk

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SUNDAY & MIDWEEK SERVICE TIMES

KICC PRAYER CITY ME5 9QG - Sunday Morning Time: 11am
TNT Youth (age 13-18) services: Time: 11am
Sunday evening Service Time: 6:00pm
KICC Royals: Every last Sunday of the month. Time: 3pm – 5:30pm
Tuesday Bible Study: 7pm

KICC THE LAND OF WONDERS, E17 9AH - Life Class Time: 8am
Second Sunday service Time: 9:30am
French Connection Sunday service Time: 12noon – 2pm
TNT Youth Service (ages 13-18) Time: 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday Kingsway Bible Institute (KBI) Classes & Open Bible study
Classes: Baptismal, Membership and Workers classes Time: 6:30pm | Open Bible Study Time: 7:30pm
KICC Royals Bible Study – Every 2nd Friday of the month. Time: 7pm

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)
Every Friday smaller groups gather together to go deeper into God’s Word. Please visit reception for details of a CHF centre near you, or call the KCC Office on 020 8525 0000.

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Monday to Friday at 6.45pm | Saturdays at 5pm
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DECEMBER FASTING & PRAYER - SUPERNATURAL SETTLEMENT
"...May the God of all grace...perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." (1 Pet 5:10) NKJV

Do you feel held back by your past? Are you stuck in your comfort zone or do you feel that you are in the wilderness? God wants you to take you, bring you to new levels and begin a new season in your life. Join the KCIC Royals as we walk into this new season and commit the New Year into God’s hands. Date: Sunday 25th November | Venue: KCIC Prayer City, ME5 9QG | Time: 3pm – 5:30pm

KICC’s 30 Days of fasting and Prayer starts Sunday 2nd December. Come and use the two powerful weapons of fasting and prayer to enforce God’s promises.

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