

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.



# Sermon Study

Are You In?  
Luke 14:25-33

## vision

Eastview  
Christian  
Church is a  
fearless church  
of Christ  
followers whose  
ridiculous love  
and dangerous  
witness are  
irresistible.



*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

**Gather** (your group getting to know each other)

1. If you were on "Let's Make a Deal," would you trade a good prize (a new, nice-sized television) for an unknown prize that will be far better for you but was hidden behind a curtain? Why or why not?

2. What have you given up in order to gain something that was far greater? (e.g. give up time to earn a college degree, give up being a bachelor to be a husband, etc.,)

**Go**  
(your group on mission)

Pray for the churches that we support in India, Kenya, and Haiti to be “all in.” Discuss what being “all in” as a dangerous witness means in terms of missions.

## **Grow** (your group growing as Christ-followers)

1. Read Luke 14:25-33.

2. List all the reasons why people in the crowds might be accompanying Jesus.

3. In Jesus' day, the family was highly valued due to the dependency each member had upon parents and each other. Total loyalty to family was required. Why would Jesus use the word “hate” to compare loyalties to family?

4. What might be an example of Christians “hating” their families?

5. Why would Jesus use the word “hate” to compare loyalties to self with following Him?

6. Of the loyalties listed, which ones have caused you or attempted to stop you from following Jesus? Explain what took place.

7. To the crowds accompanying Jesus, what would the reference to bearing his own cross mean (see also Matthew 10:38, Mark 8:34 and John 12:25-26).

8. How does this raise the stakes of being a disciple while bringing true meaning to being a fearless Christ-follower?

9. Explain to your group what it really means not just to believe in Jesus, but to follow Him fully,

**NOTE:** Criminals shouldering wooden cross beams from the capital to a hill of execution right outside was not an unusual sight. Jeering mobs usually accompanied them. Crucifixion was the most agonizing form of execution, a slow death that could last up to four days. So, the thinking listener that day would have understood the metaphor as putting yourself to death.

10. As a fearless Christ-follower, how prepared are you to be treated as a criminal like our LORD was? Scale- 5- very prepared/very Christ-like, 1- not prepared. Why?

11. As a fearless Christ-follower, how prepared are you to face a slow, painful execution for the sake of the LORD just as our Savior submitted to the cross to save us? Same scale. Why?

12. What costs did you consider before or face since you began to follow Jesus?

13. According to the parable, what may happen to those that fail to consider the costs?

14. Why do you think Jesus spoke in such stark terms when large crowds were accompanying him? How would this fly today?

**Give**  
(your group serving each other)

Take time to do the “Are You In?” survey. Think about how championship teams have decided to be “all in” and pray for everyone to be “all in.”