



Cost of the Kingdom

BIG IDEA

Jesus didn't come to make our lives a little better; He came to become our King. The Kingdom of God invites everyone, but it only belongs to those who give Him full allegiance. Some will reject Him, some will follow halfway, but the citizens of His Kingdom surrender everything. When the King calls, the only response that leads to life is full surrender.

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

- Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23
- Matthew 10:37-39
- Matthew 16:13-15, 24-25

PRAYER

DISCUSSION

- Read Matthew 13:1-8 and then 18-23 where Jesus explains the parable. Try to describe each soil in modern day terms and examples. Which type of soil do you feel that you have right now? How do you get and keep good soil?
- Read Matthew 10:37-39 and Matthew 16:24-25 together. These two identical statements act as "bookends" for this section of Jesus' ministry. Why do you think Jesus did this? What does it mean to follow Jesus this way?
- Read Matthew 16:13-15. Who has Jesus been to you in the past? Who is He to you today? How does that change the way that you follow him?
- The sermon closed with this heavy challenge: "You cannot be a part-time citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven." Looking at your life right now—your calendar, your bank account, your secret habits, and your relationships—what is one specific, actionable step you need to take this week to move from being a "consumer" of the Kingdom to a fully surrendered "citizen"? How can this group hold you accountable to that?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray over all of the Easter gatherings at GCC and beyond
- Pray by first name for the person you are inviting
- Pray for the lost people who will hear the Gospel during this season