**COMMITMENT**

 Discipleship– Part 1

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**Matthew 28:18-20 NIV**

18Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

1. **What Are You Committed To?**

**Luke 14:25-27 NLT**

25A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, 26“If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my

disciple. 27And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you

cannot be my disciple.

· Discipleship can cause **Separation** from those closest to you.

· Discipleship is a **Full-Time** Commitment.

· Discipleship means **Self-Denial**

**Luke 9:62 NLT**

62But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”

**Matthew 16:24 NLT**

24Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

II. **Consider The Cost**

· Discipleship comes with a **Cost**

· Discipleship requires **Sacrifice**

· Discipleship may not be **Easy** but it’s always **Worth It**

**Matthew 10:22 NLT**

**22**And all nations will hate you because you are my followers. But everyone who endures to the end will be saved.

**Acts 21:13 NLT**

**13**But he said, “Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus.”

**Romans 8:18 NLT**

**18**Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

**III. Complete Commitment**

**Luke 14:33 NLT**

**33**So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

· We have to give it **All** to Jesus.

· Discipleship requires us to **Consider** the costs and

**Commit** to Him.

**Job 1:21 NLT**

**21**He said, “I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!”

**Proverbs 16:3 NLT**

**3**Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

**John 3:30 NLT**

**30**He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.