

Questions for further discussion and study

1.) In Luke 14:25, Jesus asks the listener (reader) to count the cost of being a disciple. What has that cost been for you so far? What do you fear it might cost you in the future (please be specific)?

2.) What are the benefits of being a disciple of Jesus Christ?

3.) What type of trial or tribulation could you anticipate not being able to handle? What do you think it would look like for Jesus to be everything you needed during that time (other than just making it go away)?

4.) What attributes of God's character or nature would cause you to trust him during an intense time of trial?

5.) Have you ever lived through a time of personal brokenness? What did you learn about yourself? What did you learn about God? About Jesus? The Holy Spirit?

6.) If you were going through a time of brokenness, how would you want your brothers and sisters in Christ (fellow Christians) to help you?

7.) What are you doing to 'steel' yourself, that is, what are you doing to be prepared for the day of trial?