



OUR CHURCH

OUR COMMUNITY

CALIFORNIA & BAJA CALIFORNIA

Week #5: The Way of Commitment

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²⁸ “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? ²⁹ Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. ³⁰ They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’

³¹ “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him?³² And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. ³³ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

³⁴ “Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? ³⁵ Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!”

Luke 14:25-35 (NLT)

As a church we are committed to:

- Jesus _____ . (Verse 26)
- Jesus _____ . (Verse 27)
- Jesus _____ . (Verses 28-30)
- Jesus _____ . (Verses 31-33)
- Jesus _____ . (Verses 34-35)

Discussion Questions

1. In what areas of your life is Jesus inviting you to him first? What would it look like to put him first in that area?
2. How do your ways of living reflect your faith commitment to Jesus?
3. What do you think it would cost you to be fully committed to Jesus and his ways? What would it cost you to NOT be fully committed?

4. In what ways can you be FOR the church, FOR our community, and FOR California/Baja California as a way of life?

Recommended Resources

- *Following Jesus*, by N. T. Wright
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NLT (New Living Translation)

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As a church we are committed to:

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- Jesus faithfully. (Verse 27)
- Jesus fully. (Verses 28-30)
- Jesus finally. (Verses 31-33)
- Jesus forever. (Verses 34-35)

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