

Sermon Discussion Guide

The Cost of Discipleship

Mark 6:14–29

John the Baptist pays the ultimate cost of discipleship

- Why does Mark insert the story in verses 14–29 here? What's the message of the story?

Know the cost of discipleship

- What are the costs of discipleship spelled out by Jesus in Luke 14:25–33?
- In what ways has following Jesus put stress on your relationships with family, friends, and others?
- In what ways has following Jesus changed your perspective on possessions?
- What does it mean to bear your own cross? In what areas of your life has this been a challenge?

Count the cost of discipleship

- Why is it important to count the cost of discipleship?
- Should we explain the cost of discipleship to people when sharing the gospel with them? Why?
- If someone asked you if the cost of discipleship is worth it, how would you respond? How does the costly love of Jesus displayed at the cross affect your answer?