

## Small Group Questions

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### He Said What? "Dear Mom and Dad"

This series "He Said What?" is understanding some context behind some bizarre statements of Jesus, understanding what they mean, and learning how to apply them to our lives as we continue to journey and grow with Him.

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. Have you ever started a project that you weren't prepared for (landscaping, home repairs/construction, car/auto work, etc.)? How did it turn out?
2. Name one favorite thing in your life that would be VERY difficult to let go of? Why?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Luke 14:25-35

1. Initial reaction to the word "hate" toward family and loved ones is that it might seem a little strong, but why do you suppose Jesus phrased it this way?
2. Jesus was blunt, "cannot be my disciple." This seems like tough talk from Jesus to the crowds, why would he address a large crowd this way?
3. In your own words, what does it mean to carry your cross?
4. Verses 28-32 Jesus provides examples, what message is he trying to get across? Why these examples?
5. Why is there a cost to following Jesus? Do you think most Christians agree and follow this understanding? Why/why not?
6. Verse 33 Jesus says we have to give up everything to be his disciple. Do you think that is literal or figurative?
7. What does the salt analogy emphasize about discipleship?
8. Following Jesus is about self-denial, loving God, and loving others. He sacrificed everything for you, what do you need to sacrifice in your life to do the same?
9. What does this entire message say about the values of the kingdom of God?