Counting the Cost Study

God wants us to count the cost of following Him and think through what it will take to be a committed disciple for life!

- What has changed in your life and heart over the past several weeks?
- What has been your greatest challenge so far?
- Are there any areas of life that you are holding back from surrendering to Jesus? (Matthew 22:35-40)
- Do you see discipleship as a lifetime commitment? (Luke 9:62, Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)
- Why do you want to be a disciple? Do you know any other disciples of Jesus?

1. Jesus is Lord and Savior - Acts 2:22-24
- What does "Lordship" mean? (1 Cor 1:2-9, 1 Timothy 6:11-12, Luke 6:46, Galatians 2:20)
- Jesus died for your sins and was resurrected on the third day! (1 Cor. 15:3-5)
- Why do we say "Jesus is Lord"? (Acts 22:16, Romans 10:9-13)

2. Baptism is for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:36-38
- Baptism is necessary for salvation! (Mark 16:16, Colossians 2:11-12)
- Baptism for the forgiveness of sins is in water. (Acts 8:38, John 3:5)
- One must repent/be made into a disciple before baptism! (Mat 28:18-20, Acts 2:38)
- If someone believed in Jesus, repented, but was not baptized, could they be saved? Why? (Romans 6:1-7, 23, Romans 3:23-25, Acts 2:38)

3. Persecution - 2 Timothy 3:12
- Persecution is guaranteed for every disciple and comes in many forms.
- Where will your greatest persecution come from?
- What do you do when you're persecuted? Pray, reach out to the disciples, rejoice (Acts 5:41), etc.

4. Quiet Times - Psalm 5:3
- There is nothing more important in your schedule than your daily walk with God. (2 Peter 1:5-9)
- Read Bible Daily (Romans 10:17), Prayer (Luke 11:1-4 Give us each day our “daily” bread - daily prayer), Singing, Journaling, Reading Spiritual Books (Elevate, etc.)

5. We Are A Family! - Acts 2:42-47
- New Members Orientation. The next one is _____________
- Family in God’s Household (1 Timothy 3:14-15 – How to treat each other as Brothers and Sisters)

6. Shepherds - Titus 1:5-9
- Shepherds are examples and are there to help you.
- Your Shepherding couple is _____________ (Provide shepherding couple’s contact info - phone & e-mail)

7. Discipling - Hebrews 3:13
- What does "Discipleship" mean? (Mark 1:14-18 and Matthew 28:18-20)
- Seeking advice. (Proverbs 19:20)
- Daily contact, get together at least weekly.

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8. **Conflict Resolution** - Matthew 18:15-17
   - Mature approach to dealing with sin and conflict - critical eye, healing heart. (2 Timothy 2:22-26)
   - Settle matters quickly so that sin is rooted out from the camp and any resentment or bitterness is avoided. Don't have a worldly victim mentality. Take responsibility to help resolve any conflicts. (Matthew 5:23-26)
   - Confront in love. (Ephesians 4:15, Proverbs 27:5,6,17) Hate the sin - love the sinner. (1 Peter 4:8)

9. **Repentance and Confession of Sins** - 1 John 1:5-10
   - Don’t let Satan get a foothold. (James 5:16)
   - We have true friendships with each other when we walk in the light.

    - Your Bible Talk, Your Region/House Church, Your Ministry (Singles, Marrieds, Campus, Teens) is the Kingdom! (Mat 6:33, Rev 1:6)
    - Look through the church calendar and website (caicc.net)

11. **Evangelism** - Matthew 28:18-20
    - Daily Lifestyle, Local, Regional and Global Evangelism.

12. **Giving** - Malachi 3:6-12
    - Why should we give? What should our attitude be? (1 Timothy 6:17, 2 Corinthians 8:7-8; 9:6-11)
    - Do you have the ability to give generously? Do your life skills need work? (Deuteronomy 8:18)
    - What is benevolence? (James 2:16-17)
    - What is Special Missions? (2 Corinthians 9:1-5)
    - What is your contribution going to be? Pledge an amount to give each week. Do you know how to donate online? (1 Timothy 6:17)

13. **Dating** - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
    - Disciples date and marry disciples (believer = disciple biblically)
    - Encouragement Dates - mutual edification and getting to know your brothers and sisters. Protecting one another. (1 Peter 5:8) Building pure relationships with brothers and sisters. (1 Timothy 5:2) Marriage is a hope, but heaven is the goal.

14. **Serving** - 1 Peter 4:7-11
    - Look for ways to serve and help. Areas to serve (ushering, song leading, Kingdom Kids, etc.)
    - What is MERCYworldwide – Maximizing Efforts for Relief Care and Youth Worldwide.
    - Every disciple must care for the needs of the poor to serve the poor and this honors God. (Proverbs 14:31)

**Conclusion:** 2 Peter 2:20-22
   - Stay faithful to the end!

**Physical Preparations for Getting Baptized**
   - Bring modest clothes to get baptized in.
   - Be prepared to speak very briefly before being baptized.
   - Review the two questions that will be asked before baptism.

**Give Membership Info to Leader for Directory!** (Name, Phone, Email, Birthday, Pledge, BT, House Church)

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