

GROWTH GROUPS

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“What’s the Cost? Is it worth it?”

Conversation Starter –

What’s the highest “price” you’ve had to pay to exercise your faith in Christ? Do you have a story to tell?

Understanding -

Upon threat of death, early Christians would have frequently been forced to testify that “Caesar is Lord.” This created a dilemma, for reciting “Caesar is Lord” is to deny that “Jesus is Lord.” Thankfully we do not live in a society that presents that same threat, but we do live in a society that forces us to acknowledge or deny “Jesus as Lord” in the actions we take and the choices we make.

1. Pastor Clint unpacked verses 34-37 helping us understand that Jesus isn’t calling us to hate our family but instead, he uses what is often most precious to us to gauge our love and loyalty to him. Verses 35-36 are taken from Micah 7:1-7. Read these verses in Micah and talk about what it might look like to serve Jesus as Lord in a world such as Micah paints. What sacrifices might need to be made? What pain might need to be endured?
2. What or who rivals Jesus to take the preeminent place in your heart?
3. Consider verse 38. What “crosses” have been put in front of you which must carry if you are going to “make Jesus Lord?” (*hint: these would be things you would not take up if you are simply interested in serving self.*)
4. What is the promise of verse 39? Can Jesus be trusted to fulfill this promise? Why or why not?
5. What would it look like to “find our life” in Christ? What is this “life?”

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