

NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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The Father that Leads

Luke 14:25-35

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THE FATHER THAT LEADS, MUST FOLLOW THE LEADER

MARKS OF A TRUE FOLLOWER

1. Loves Jesus more than any other PERSON

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters...cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:25-26 (ESV)

2. Loves Jesus more than his OWN LIFE

²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate...even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:26-27

3. Does not QUIT

²⁸"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace." Luke 14:28-32

4. Loves Jesus more than STUFF

³³"So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33

5. Is committed to making his life COUNT

³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Luke 14:34-35