



## **PART 3: Spend It Wisely**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Jesus invites all kinds of people to follow him. Sinners and unbelievers are invited. You are invited. But there's something you need to know about following Jesus. It will cost you something eventually.

It may cost you money, job promotion, reputation, or even relationships. That's because Jesus is giving you a choice to deny yourself now or lose your soul later. But you'll find that when you give up something to follow Jesus, you'll be glad you did.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### *AWAKEN*

1. When you were a child, what did you dream your grownup life would be like? How's your reality today compared to that childhood dream?
2. Talk about a time when you had to accomplish something that was difficult. How were you able to do it? What was the result?

#### *ALIGN*

3. Do you know of someone who paid a price for his or her decision to follow Jesus? How did that person's experience influence your own faith?
4. Has your faith ever cost you something? If so, how has paying that price changed your relationship with God?
5. Read Matthew 16:24-27. How do these words of Jesus challenge you? In what ways do they give you comfort?

#### *APPLY*

6. Are you being led to do something, quit something, start something, change something, or give up something? What could your life group do to support you?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

Salvation is free. It costs us nothing. Following Jesus eventually costs us something. But your soul is worth more than whatever it costs to follow Jesus. So keep on following Jesus no matter what the cost. Spend your life for him because in the end, God is going to reward you according to how you have lived your life. You only have one life to live so spend it wisely.

### **RENEWING YOUR MIND**

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."*

**Matthew 16:24-25 NIV**