



# THE COST ...

Luke 14:25-33

## ***When we don't understand ...***

- Sometimes Scripture seems problematic – what do we do?
- Dive deeper - 3 worlds of the text:
  - World behind the text (author centred)
  - World in the text (text centred)
  - World in front of the text (reader centred)

## ***'Hate' your father & mother***

- Greek for hate = to detest, or 'love less' (*comparative*)
- Hyperbole
- First loyalty is to Jesus

## ***Put God first***

- Before relationships
- Give up own life
- Carry own cross
- Before possessions
- Does God get the leftovers?

***Despite the cost, still the disciples followed.***

***Way of Jesus is bigger than our way – in God we find our hope, our future, our way > our life.***

**Love** the Lord your God  
with **ALL** your heart  
& with **ALL** your soul  
& with **ALL** your strength  
& with **ALL** your mind ...

*Luke 10:27*