

STUDY 5 - WHAT JESUS WANTS FROM US

Summary

THE BIG QUESTION

What does Jesus want from me?

THE BIG IDEA

Deciding to enter into peace with God is deciding to give him your loyalty

It is easy to think that when we enter into peace with God, we are merely "adding a little bit of God to our lives." The reality is that when we come to Christ and desire to enter into peace with God, Christ wants something from us. What Jesus ask from us in the moment we decide to enter into peace with God is our loyalty. He wants to be our lord and the center of our lives. The decision to enter into peace with God is to decide to give him our loyalty.

THE BIBLE SAYS

Matthew 22:37 *Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. 38 This is the first and most important commandment.*

Luke 14:25 *Now 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, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? 29 Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you. 30 They will say, "You started building, but could not finish the job." 31 What will a king do if he has only ten thousand soldiers to defend himself against a king who is about to attack him with*

twenty thousand soldiers? 32 Before he goes out to battle, won't he first sit down and decide if he can win? If he thinks he won't be able to defend himself, he will send messengers and ask for peace while the other king is still a long way off. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Lucas 9:23 *Then Jesus said to all the people: If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me. 24 If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me, you will save it. 25 What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself or waste your life?*

Acts 2:38 *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*