

SERMON SERIES: MARKAN SANDWICHES

THE COST OF THE CALL

Mark 6:7-32

(Parallel Messages: Matthew 10:1-15; 14:1-12; Luke 9:1-14)

INTRODUCTION:

Today, we will study - The Cost of the Call. True Discipleship means celebrating the victories of God's Kingdom while remaining willing to pay the ultimate price in a hostile world.

- “³⁰And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. ³¹And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while....” (Mark 6:30-31).

We will focus on three facets of the message – The Cost of the Call:

- I. **THE COST OF ABSOLUTE DEPENDENCE** (vv. 7-9) – The Outer Bread – Start
 - A. The Importance of Community in Ministry (vv. 7)
 - B. Relinquish Material Safety Nets (vv. 8-9; Exodus 16; Matt 6:25-34)
 - C. Facing the Risk of Rejection (vv. 10-11)
- II. **THE COST TO AN UNCOMPROMISING WITNESS** (vv. 14-29)
 - A. The Execution of John the Baptist by King Herod and the Reality of Confronting Sin (vv. 14-16, 17-20, 21-23, 24-28, 29)
 - B. Always be a Faithful Uncompromising Witness for Christ
- III. **THE COST OF EXHAUSTING SERVICE** (vv. 12-13, 30-32)
 - A. The Output of Spiritual Warfare (Mark 6:12-13).
 - B. The Mandate of Holy Rest (Mark 6:31-32)
 - C. The Cell Phone and the Outlet (Gal 6:9; Isa 40:29-31)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Following Jesus costs our security, our comfort, and sometimes our lives, but it gains us an unshakeable kingdom.
- B. Jesus calls us to empty our hands, speak His truth, and lay down our energy. Will you pay the cost to experience His absolute provision?
- C. “God forms man, Sin deforms man, the school informs him but only Christ transforms him, therefore preach Christ to all men” - Charles Spurgeon
- D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).