

1. Why did Jesus draw a crowd wherever he went? Why did he intentionally reduce the size of the crowd with his high demands? Does a large crowd gathered in the name of Jesus guarantee a large number of genuine followers of Christ? What are some of the reasons people who aren't genuine followers crowd together today in the name of Jesus?
2. Three obstacles prevent people from following Jesus. Personal comfort, financial security, relational status. Those who follow Jesus have come to believe that their safety, security, and significance are found in Him.
 - What personal comforts have you had to give up in order to follow Jesus?
 - What financial cost have you had to pay to follow Jesus?
 - How has your relational status suffered with family and friends because you have chosen to follow Jesus?
3. The scribe was a teacher of the law who identified Jesus as 'teacher.' Do you have an appreciation for good bible teaching or even academic knowledge of God without a love for the Teacher?
4. Read Ex. 8:25-28. God used Moses to tell Pharaoh He wanted his people to follow Him in the wilderness to worship Him. What 2 compromises did Pharaoh make short of what God wanted? How does the world call to you, "you must not go very far" in following Jesus.
5. Read John 6:66-69. Why did some of Jesus' disciples stop following Him? What would you have said in response to Jesus' question, "Do you want to go away as well? Why did Peter not stop following? Have you stopped following because you have been disappointed in where Jesus was leading.
6. Read Luke 14:25-31. Have you calculated the cost of following Jesus? Can you be a disciple if you are not willing to pay the price?