



# THE LIFE

## EMBRACING THE LIFE OF A CHRIST-FOLLOWER



### LESSON 5

Dear Parents,

I hope your week is off to a great start! As you may already know, our emphasis in student small groups this year has been on discipleship. This week the lesson was entitled "The All-Encompassing Discipleship Jesus Desires." Our lesson focused on helping students understand that Jesus expects nothing less than all of us. He must take priority over relationships, comfort, our own desires, and everything that we have. Students were asked to consider surrendering any area to God that they have withheld from Him.

**We looked at the following Scripture passage:**

- Luke 14:25-33

Please take a few minutes this week to read this passage.

**NEXT STEPS . . .**

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, remember that one way that will help him or her understand and apply what he or she has learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What are some things that you think are really important to our family? When you think about what we value as a family, where does Jesus fit in? (This could lead to a great discussion about family priorities. Make sure to hear your teenager out and try not to get defensive if their impressions are hurtful and/or convicting.)
- What are some areas of your life where you have trouble giving God 100%? Are you willing to share with me some areas where you may be withholding from Him? Can I help you think of ways to make sure you are giving God priority in those areas?
- Jesus said that we cannot be His disciples if we are not willing to renounce all that we have for His sake. How do you feel about that?

Thank you for all that you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.

