Count the cost! (Luke 14:25-35)

Job adverts

The context

Exposing....Pharisees!
(Now) Exposing....Jesus-groupies!

Free, yet costly – contradictory?

What does the job description say?

FOLLOWING MEANS FORSAKING

Cannot! (v.26, 27, 33)

Definitional

We simply cannot be said to follow Jesus "unless we stop giving in to the claims of other things on our lives" (Darrell Johnson).

i. Forsaking relationships

What is Jesus getting at?

Do you feel the weight of Jesus' words?

ii. Forsaking self

Dying with Christ

You love sacrificially → suffer as Jesus does → make the choice to keep loving despite the suffering

FOLLOWING MEANS CONSIDERING

The point of the mini-parables

Why Jesus tells you the truth in his job advertisement

Consider *also* the cost of *not* following Jesus: the mini-parable of the salt

Who these words are for