

DISCIPLESHIP

Today's reading:

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them,
²⁶ Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not
carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to
build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has
enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to
finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and
was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king,
will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the
one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other
is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore,
none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

³⁴ 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is fit
neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to
hear listen!'

'You cannot be my disciple...' What are the positive framings of these sayings of Jesus?
Where in the Bible would you go to support what you are saying?

What have you had to weigh up and assess in your becoming and continuing a Christian?

Are there ways in which you are not salty or have lost saltiness?

In what ways have you grown in faith this year?

How do you express your love of God?