

Lesson 4 (6/21): Matthew 10:24-39 — The Cost of Discipleship

Scripture Focus

Jesus reminds His followers that discipleship may require sacrifice, discomfort, and difficult choices.

Read the verse aloud

Memorable quotes/notes:

Historical / Linguistic Context

- Following a rabbi meant adopting both teaching and lifestyle.
- “Take up your cross” symbolized surrender, not convenience.
- Jesus does not hide the challenge of discipleship.
- Fear is addressed repeatedly, suggesting reluctance is expected.
- Kingdom priorities may conflict with personal comfort.

Discussion Questions

1. What parts of discipleship feel most costly in modern life—time, comfort, reputation, finances?
2. Why do many believers resist when faith seems to demand sacrifice beyond church walls?
3. What does “taking up your cross” look like for someone who values security and caution?

CLOSING PRAYER