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Luke 6:27, 9:23, 22:42
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Luke 14:28-30
- ❸ Can you afford **not to pay the cost?**
Luke 14:12-14/ Micah 6:8/ James 1:27

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Luke 14:25-27/ Matthew 6:24
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Matthew 22:37-40, 28:16-20/ John 14:15, 15:1-17/ 1 John 2:3-6
- ✓ There is a **reward**
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1. This weekend, we heard about the important role obedience plays in being a follower of Jesus. God doesn't ask us to wholeheartedly obey him just because he is God. He gives us a number of reasons why obedience is the best thing for us. Read each of the following verses and identify the reasons they give for obeying God.

Galatians 6:7-8

Hebrews 12:7-11

2 Corinthians 5:10

Psalms 119:1-2

Which of these do you find most motivating to you? Which is least motivating?

What does Matthew 6:1-5 say about wrong motivations for obeying God?

2. In order for us to consistently obey God, we need more than knowledge, willpower and effort. We also need the power that only God provides. How does each verse below connect our obedience to God with his provision of motivation and power to obey him?

Philippians 2:12-13

Ephesians 5:15-21

John 15:4-5

What challenges do you face in tapping into God's power to live the Christian life?

3. Mike talked about Jesus explaining what it would cost to follow him. In Matthew 13:44-46, Jesus told two very short parables that relate directly to following him. How do these stories further illustrate what it costs to follow Jesus and, more importantly, the motivation behind the willingness to pay the price?