

# SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE



A Call to Make Your Life Count  
in a World of Urgent Need

## DISCUSSION GUIDE #9: **SESSION 6 – COUNTING THE COST**

### START

- Share your SOAP Journal Entry from this last week.
- Do you know someone who has paid a price to follow Jesus? Share that story.

**TEACHING NOTES:** *Day 6: Like a King Preparing for War*

### DISCUSS

- Read Luke 14:25-33. Does it surprise you that this was an initial invitation to follow Jesus? Why do some think this kind of obedience is advanced Christianity, reserved for the spiritually mature?
- How did David describe how people in Jesus' day would have received verse 27? How is that different from how we see it today?
- Read Galatians 2:20. How does this expand your understanding of discipleship? How does a relationship with Jesus change everything about us?
- David suggested that we come to Jesus on his terms, willing to give superior love, exclusive loyalty, and suffer a total loss. How do Luke 10:27 & Matthew 10:37 back up this idea?
- David also showed how Jesus modeled supreme love, loyalty, and suffered the ultimate loss. How does Matthew 13:44-45 show us that the reward is worth the cost? What makes it hard to believe that a relationship with Jesus is supremely satisfying?
- What in your life do you find yourself holding on to rather than giving to Jesus?

### PRAYER

- Pray for each other to be able to let go and follow Jesus on his terms.
- Pray for the people of the Himalayas and your list of three.

# SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 9

*Read: Luke 16*

**S – Scripture** – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

**O – Observation** – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

**A – Application** – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

**P – Prayer** – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.