Around the table

How do you evaluate cost?
“Band of Brothers - James”
Counting the cost
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James had everything, from society’s perspective.

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Becoming a Christ-follower is the defining moment in someone’s life

James became a Christ-follower because he believed in who Jesus claimed to be

He recognized the Messiah’s voice

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He became a Christ-follower after personal examination of truth
James became a Christ-follower because of the testimony and faith of others

John probably shared with him all he had discovered.

“The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look the Lamb of God.” When the two disciples heard him say this they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means teacher), “where are you staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.” John 1:35-39

Andrew and Simon Peter’s responses
He sacrificed

- He left all security

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- home
- took care of his father
- business
- future
He was part of Christ’s inner circle

- Jairus’ daughter (Mark 5:21-43)
- Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36)
- Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-41)
He paid the ultimate price for his faith

“It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.” Acts 12:1-2

Rejected by society

Arrested by Herod and put to death
Is being a Christ-follower, just something you have added to your life?

Is being a Christ-follower the most significant or defining moment in your life?

Following Christ will cost you everything