

# April 3, 6 2025 Love Unparalleled: Matthew 10:34-37

Connect (10-15 mins)

1. What are some Easter traditions you grew up with? Are there any Easter traditions you have currently that are meaningful to you?

### Grow (10-15 mins)

2. How has your prayer life been the past few weeks? Any places you're stuck? Areas of celebration?

### **Share** (30-45 mins)

3. Read Matthew 10:34-37 and Luke 14:25-26. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon?

# Jesus says to be His disciple we must have a love for Him that is foremost and unparallel to anything and anyone else.

- 4. How did your view of what Jesus says regarding "love" change after a deeper understanding of this passage? What are some of the ways you struggle with this kind of devotional love toward God?
- 5. As you consider what it means to be a disciple with unparalleled love, how are you currently learning from Jesus and growing in the Lord? What rhythms and habits are you currently practicing to increase your devotion and love toward the Lord?
- 6. Jesus makes a powerful and hard statement in these passages, "If you love 'these things' more than me you are not fit to be my disciple. As you consider the contrast of being a fan of Jesus versus a follower, in what ways has your faith in Jesus cost you?

# Practice: Embracing the Gospel (30-45 mins)

Read Matthew 11:28-30. This is one of the only places Jesus describes His own heart in two words. Gentle and lowly (humble). Consider that posture of His heart as Jesus would speak these words to His followers. The bar is high but the invitation leads to rest. Read each statement below and pause in silence for 1 minute after. Sit with the Lord and write down what comes up. After reading and silently reflecting, share with your group what came up.



Come to Me:

all who are weary and heavy-laden:

# and I will give you rest:

### Take My yoke upon you:

and learn from Me:

for I am gentle:

#### and humble in heart:

and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS:

For My yoke is easy:

and My burden is light: