

A scenic view of a stone arch bridge over a river in a forest. The bridge is made of dark stone and has a decorative metal railing with a star pattern. The river is calm and reflects the bridge and the surrounding trees. The forest is dense with tall trees, some with autumn-colored leaves. The lighting is soft, suggesting a misty or early morning atmosphere.

*Welcome to*

# *The Bridge*

**Belonging, Believing,  
Becoming**

# DISCIPLES



# Real Discipleship

Luke 14:25-35



# 1. A FAMILY: LOVE JESUS SUPREME.

- Hyperbole is an intentional exaggeration to emphasize a point.
- The word is sane, which means “to prefer above.”

## 2. A CROSS: LIVE LIKE A DEAD PERSON.

- A real disciple is someone who carries his cross.
- In many ways, a dead man is set free.

### 3. A TOWER: CONSIDER THE VALUE OF A GOOD FINISH.

- God is the builder who finishes the job called salvation.
- A good finish as a disciple is the key.
- There is no such thing as spiritual retirement.

## 4. A WAR: SURRENDER TO THE STRONGER KING.

- Because we can never win against God, we must surrender to Him.
- You cannot be a disciple unless you are willing to give up control of your life to Jesus.

- It's only when you give up and realize you are hopelessly lost, that Jesus can come and rescue you.
- I think real discipleship is coming to Jesus and saying, "Jesus, I give up."



## 5. SALT: STAY PURE TO PRESERVE GOODNESS.

- The Latin phrase “Solarium Argentums” is where we get our word “salary.”

- Like salt, we must come in *contact* with our corrupting culture to slow down the process of decay.
- If we don't speak out against moral evil, we've lost our *saltiness*.
- His blood can *make* you pure, but His Word *keeps* you pure.