A person wearing a blue hoodie and a backpack is walking away on a paved mountain trail. The trail is surrounded by dry, golden-brown grass and shrubs. In the background, there are steep, rocky mountains with some snow patches. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangle with rounded corners is overlaid in the center of the image, containing white text.

THE CALL & COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

A person wearing a teal hoodie and a backpack is walking away on a wooden boardwalk path that winds through a dry, hilly landscape with golden-brown grass and shrubs. In the background, there are rugged, rocky mountains under a clear sky.

Who is Jesus?

DISCIPLESHIP

A person wearing a teal hoodie and a backpack is walking away on a wooden boardwalk path that winds through a field of dry, golden-brown grass. In the background, there are rugged, brown mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene is one of a peaceful hike in a natural, high-altitude environment.

What does it mean that Jesus
is the Christ?

DISCIPLESHIP

A person wearing a blue jacket and dark pants is walking away from the camera on a wooden boardwalk that winds through a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grass. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains rises under a clear sky. The overall scene is serene and suggests a journey or pilgrimage.

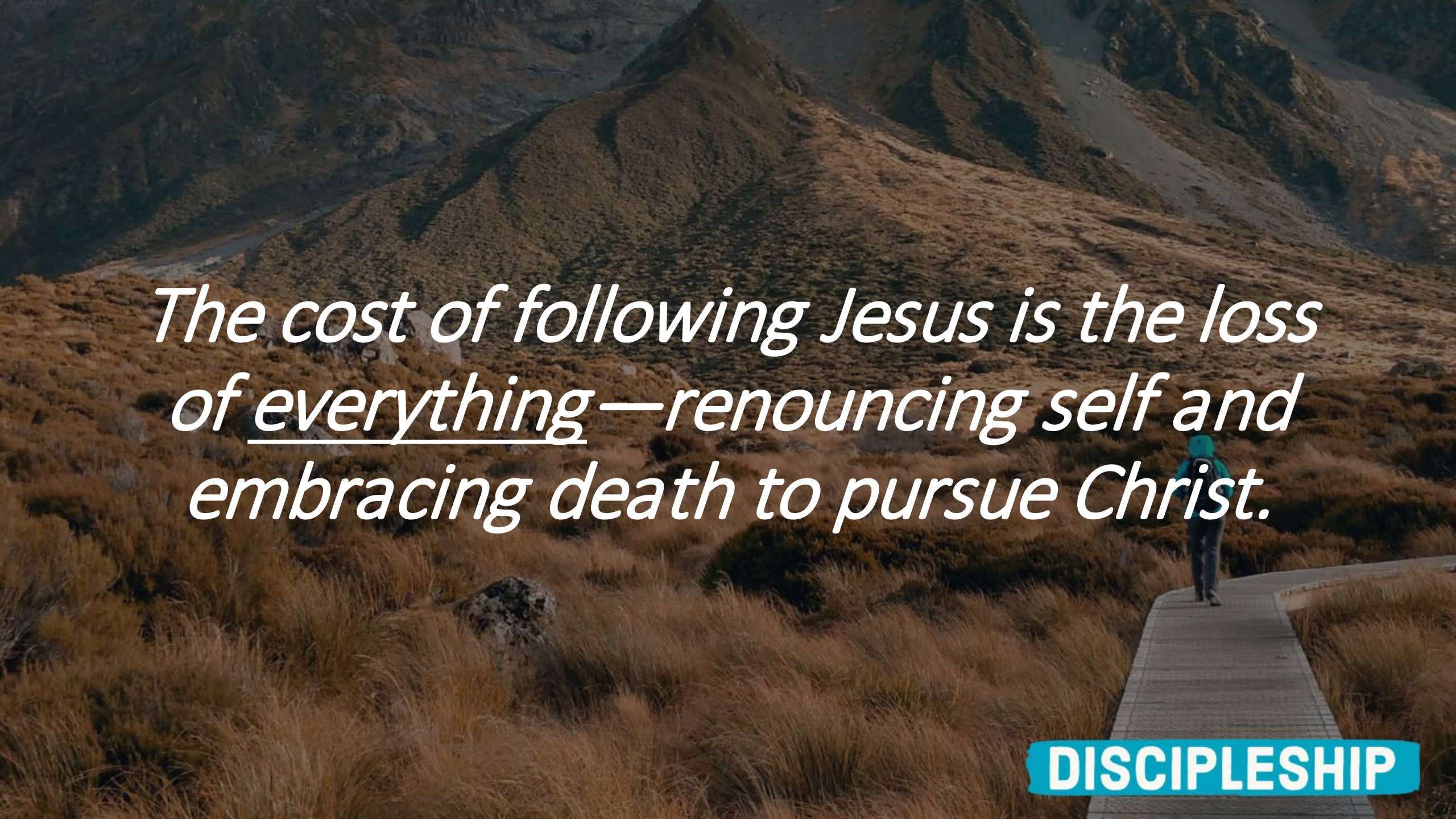
#1 – It means that He must suffer.

DISCIPLESHIP

A person wearing a teal hoodie and a backpack is walking away on a wooden boardwalk path that winds through a field of dry, golden-brown grass. In the background, a large, rugged mountain with a dark, rocky peak rises against a hazy sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of a long, arduous journey.

#2 – It means that all who follow Him will have to suffer as well.

DISCIPLESHIP

A person wearing a blue jacket and a backpack is walking away from the camera on a wooden boardwalk path. The path leads through a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grass. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with some snow or light-colored patches. The sky is not clearly visible, but the overall lighting suggests a bright day.

*The cost of following Jesus is the loss
of everything—renouncing self and
embracing death to pursue Christ.*

DISCIPLESHIP

A person wearing a blue jacket and a backpack is walking away on a wooden boardwalk path that winds through a dry, hilly landscape with brownish-yellow grass and shrubs. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with some snow or light-colored patches. The overall scene is one of a challenging hike in a natural, somewhat desolate environment.

*Have you been trying to partially
follow?*

Repent today and believe the gospel!

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Applications:

1. We ought to strive to recognize and feel the tension between Jesus' identity and His mission, His majesty and His suffering.
2. We should beware of any theology or system of thought that makes little of the sufferings and death of Christ.
3. We must really believe that what we see in this life is like the little room back stage, and this whole life is truly a “dress rehearsal for eternity.”
4. We must deny ourselves. Don't be ashamed to lose all.
5. We must realize that we cannot do this on our own.
6. We must remember that our sacrifice does not save us.
7. We must remember that Jesus spoke these words to the crowd **AND** to true disciples—so **both** groups needed them.

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