

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

INTRODUCTION AND CHAPTER 1

COSTLY GRACE

Note: The two different set of page numbers after each question refer first to the green Collier Books edition and then second to the vanilla Touchstone Books edition.

1. In the Introduction, what is Bonhoeffer's problem with current preaching? Is his criticism apt today? If so, how? (pp. 38-39/pp.35-37)
2. According to Bonhoeffer, what should replace the bad and bland preaching of the churches? (pp. 38-39/pp.35-37)
3. What is "cheap grace"? What does cheap grace do to asceticism? (pp. 45-47/ pp. 43-45)
4. What is "costly grace"? Why is it costly?
5. According to Bonhoeffer, what how did cheap grace take root in Catholicism? How did it take root in Protestantism? (pp. 49-53/pp. 47-50)
6. According to Bonhoeffer, how was Luther's teaching on justification by "grace alone" corrupted? (p. 52-53/p. 48-50)
7. What has caused the collapse of the "organized Church" according to Bonhoeffer? Is this true today? (p. 58/ p. 54)
8. For Bonhoeffer, what is the Church's most "urgent" problem? (p. 60/p. 55)