



The Rev. Alan Sutherland, Rector

September 9, 2007

15 Pentecost
Children's sermon

Today I want us to pretend something. I want us to pretend that we are all going to get together, put together all our money and build either tree house or a doll house for all of us to play in.

So I am going to write some things down that we will need.

First, is it going to be a tree house or a doll house?

Now how big do we want it?

How much wood and how many nails?

Will we put a roof on it?

Metal or a fancy one?

Doors and windows? how many?

OK, now we must find out how much money we have to spend.

How much does each of you have?

Are you willing to spend it on this project?

Do we have enough? (compare cost with money they have)

Once we have counted the cost, be prepared to spend it, and if we have enough, we can begin to build.

Today Jesus said we must do the same if we are to follow him.

We cannot be a follower of Jesus without counting the cost.

Following Jesus will cost us;

1. time- to pray and to worship, time to serve him and time to care.
2. giving up our selfishness, our bad tempers, our greed.
3. learning to love-even those who we think are unlovable.

If we want to be a follower of Jesus we must first count the cost and then be willing to spend it.

Amen.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Established in 1847

210 North Main Street Versailles, KY 40383 859.873.3481 info@stjohnsky.com www.stjohnsky.com