

RADICALS 6 – Radical Mission

What made Jesus radical was not BIZARRE behaviour, freaky religious FERVOUR or manufactured INTENSITY. but fearless OBEDIENCE, extravagant LOVE & sacrificial MISSION.

What false ideas do people sometimes have about being 'radical' as a Christian?
Which part of Jesus' radical life most challenges or inspires you?
Why do you think Jesus was so compelling to ordinary people?

If Jesus is calling us to follow, where exactly is He leading us?

Jesus is leading us into radical RELATIONSHIP with Him

... into radical SURRENDER / TRANSFORMATION / FORGIVENESS / COMMUNITY / PURPOSE

... and ultimately into radical MISSION

Which of those areas do you personally find easiest? Which is hardest?
What radical transformation does the Lord have in mind for you?
How does radical community differ from simply attending church?
Why do you think radical followership ultimately leads into mission?

If that is where Jesus is leading us, then Scripture makes it unmistakably clear what this looks like ...

John 20:21 → What Jesus started, we've been COMMISSIONED to CONTINUE.

Matt 28:18–20 → Disciples are to become DISCIPLE-MAKERS.

Acts 1:8 → The inevitable consequence of the Holy Spirit 'coming on you' is you will be WITNESSES.

What stands out to you most from these three passages?
What does it mean to say that we are commissioned to continue what Jesus started?
How do disciples make disciples?
In what ways can Christians drift into being spectators or consumers instead of witnesses?

1. Radical Mission means WALKING ACROSS THE ROOM

- * Danger: If we HIDE in SAFE Christian CIRCLES, we'll never ENGAGE with the people we're called to REACH.
- * It's radical to step out of your COMFORT ZONE & WALK ACROSS THE ROOM.

Radical mission requires 3 things

- i) COURAGE → 20 secs of BRAVERY.
- ii) CONVICTION → We mustn't forget ETERNAL DESTINIES are at stake & that EVERY person is soul Jesus GAVE HIS LIFE for.
- iii) COMPASSION (Matt 9:36-38) → For Jesus, COMPASSION never remained a FEELING, but always became an ACTION.

Why is it so easy & tempting to stay inside safe Christian circles?
Which of the three ingredients do you most need to grow in: courage, conviction or compassion?
Who in your world might God be asking you to 'walk across the room' towards? How could you do that?

2. Radical Mission means EMBRACING the MESS

- * One of things that made Jesus so radical is, He took intentional steps TOWARDS the very people the most religious SHUNNED.
- * Jesus didn't come to AVOID messy people, but to radically SAVE them.
- * There was NO-ONE Jesus wouldn't TOUCH: No life was too BROKEN, no sin too GREAT, no heart too LOST.
- * Church was never meant to be a MUSEUM for POLISHED people, but a RESCUE HOUSE for BROKEN people.

Why do people often avoid messy situations or messy people?
What do the Gospels reveal about the kinds of people Jesus moved towards?
How can churches unintentionally become 'safe' or inward-focused?
Why is grace essential for genuine mission & embracing mess?
How should Christians respond when people arrive carrying pain, confusion, addiction or complicated histories?

3. Radical Mission means LISTENING to the HOLY SPIRIT

- * Let Holy Spirit be the GUIDE, take the LEAD, provide INSPIRATION & OPEN doors.
- * Golden Key: DO what the Holy Spirit SAYS: No MORE & no LESS.
- * Do LESS & we'll MISS the OPPORTUNITY.
- * Do MORE & we run the risk of BLOWING IT.
- * Step-by-step, accurate OBEDIENCE & you're CO-OPERATING with the Master Evangelist.

Why do Christians sometimes do 'too little' out of fear or 'too much' out of pressure?
What helps you maintain an ongoing dialogue with the Holy Spirit?