

Radical Discipleship
Part #9 – Radical Command

Matthew 28:16-20

Luke 14:27 (NIV) – And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

D. L. Moody made an covenant with God that he would witness for Christ to at least one person each day. One night, about ten o'clock, he realized that he had not yet witnessed; so he went out in to the street and spoke to a man standing by a lamppost, asking him, "***Are you a Christian?***" The man flew into a violent rage and threatened to knock Moody into the gutter.

Later, that same man went to an elder in the church and complained that Moody was "*doing more harm in Chicago than ten men were doing good.*" The elder begged Moody to temper his zeal with knowledge. Three months later, Moody was awakened at the YMCA by a man knocking at the door. It was the man he had witnessed to. "***I want to talk to you about my soul,***" he said to Moody. He apologized for the way he had treated Moody and said that he had had no peace ever since that night on Lake Street when Moody witnessed to him. Moody led the man to Christ and he became a zealous worker in the Sunday school.)

Series Summary

The purpose of this sermon series is to help each believer come to the Biblical understanding that there is nothing ordinary about discipleship. As Christians, we have been called to be disciples of Christ and to make disciples of many nations. As we examine the example of Jesus Christ we observe that He asked for a radical commitment from people with a radical faith. Are you a radical disciple?

**Big Idea: The Great Commission = Take the Gospel and Go
From the Ends of the Street to the Ends of the Earth
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Main Passage

Matthew 28:16-20 (NASB) – ¹⁶ But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful. ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Three Parts to Responding to the Radical Command

Part #1 – Be Available and Willingly Worship

- **Matthew 28:16-17 (NASB)** – ¹⁶ But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful.
- **Isaiah 6:8** – Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Part #2 – Humbly Submit to the Desire of the Lord

- **Matthew 28:18 (NASB)** ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- **Philippians 2:9-11** – ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Part #3 – Actively Obey the Command of the Lord

- **Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB)** ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- **John 14:23-24** – Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. ²⁴ "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:23 (NASB) – "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Application

Radical Discipleship Challenge: 1) **Read:** participate in the *Radical 90-Day Bible Reading Challenge* and read the entire Bible by Easter (reading guides available at info desk). 2) **Memorize:** begin the *Radical Memory Verse Challenge* this week. 3) **Learn:** Attend a Wednesday Night *Summit* class and a Sunday School Class. 4) **Connect:** become involved in a small group. 5) **Give:** commit to regular financial support to reach, teach and serve our Community for Christ.

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