

RADICAL



Who Will Go?

Isa. 6:1-8; Matt. 9:35-38; 1 Thess. 2:3-8

Big Idea: There's a subtle, creepy, sly enemy of *authentic* Christian living that sneaks into our life and wreaks havoc. If you've ever wondered if there's more to Christianity than you're experiencing, you're right. In *Radical*, we'll talk about what may be lacking and how to get it in your life.

Bottom Line: If you are saved, then you are sent.

Review:

In the first week of *Radical* we asked a question: Is Jesus *really* worth abandoning everything for?

In the second week, we learned the reward of the Gospel is God Himself.

In the third week, we learned the importance of God-reliance vs. self-reliance.

In the fourth week, we learned our highest aim and goal is to use our life and everything in it to glorify God by leading people to salvation.

In the fifth week, we learned the importance of sharing your faith to grow in your faith.

Last week, we discussed generosity in the church and in the community for impact in the world.

Introduction:

Let's begin with the prayer we ended with in the #Adulting series:

**Wherever you lead me,
Whatever it cost me,
I trust that your plan is greater than mine.**

This series, *Radical*, can really be encapsulated in this prayer that we recited together long ago.

The life of the Christian believer is about knowing Christ and making Him known.

I raise this question today, "*Who will go?*"

Struggle:

The Great Commission is perceived to be for the “advanced Christians.”

The Great Commission is perceived to be completed across the seas.

The Great Commission is perceived to be about making church members and converts.

Truth:

Being “sent” is not about a task to complete as much as a life to live.

*You don't get to decide if this is for you or not.
If you are saved, then you are sent. – Pastor Matt*

The Great Commission is not for advanced Christians, it's for all who have had an encounter with God. It is for all who live here on this side of Heaven.

Following through with the mission will require your entire life.

Matthew 28:18-20.

Jesus doesn't say, “Give them an invite card to South Bay.”

Jesus doesn't say, “Get them to make a decision.”

Jesus doesn't say, “Hand them a track.”

The Great Commission is not a moment, it's a *movement*.

- Going for Jesus vs. Going with Jesus (Co-mission)

Matthew 9:35-38.

Compassion is *required* for Commission.

- You can't find this in a book or training video.
- Your pastor can't give this to you.
- Jesus was about it, and we must be too.

**Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely
the ugliest thing in the world.
– Francis Schaeffer**

Bring the sheep to walk with their Shepherd.

1 Thessalonians 2:3-8.

Paul writes to the church at Thessalonica, “because of my compassion toward you, I gave you the gospel and I gave you myself.”

Let it be so in the church today. We have been entrusted with the gospel, the Kingdom of God is available now through the person and work of Jesus Christ. We are fragile, weak vessels (2 Cor. 4:7), but we give ourselves again and again for the gospel and for the people.

Application:

The Triune God is saying, as spoken to Isaiah in the scriptures, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Respond today as Isaiah did, “Here am I; send me!”

Next Steps:

- Pray the “Wherever you lead me...” prayer every day this week.
- Live out a Great Commission life this week by building a relationship with a non-believer.