

RADICAL THE BOOK

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CHAP. 5 THE MULTIPLYING COMMUNITY

Mt. 28:16-20

Supporting Passages Mk. 16:15-16; Lk. 24:46-49; Jn. 17, 20:21-23; Acts. 1:8

Who has had the greatest impact on the world in the last 10 years? How would you like to impact the world? What do you think of when you hear the words evangelism and discipleship? READ pg. 85 through 2/3 of pg 86 end with “I’ll never forget those words two words. Why not? What challenges do we face in making disciples that prevent us from having a “why not” attitude?

You know what a biological family tree what is a spiritual family tree? Do you recognize this tree? Edward Kimball – Dwight L. Moody – Wilbur Chapman – Billy Sunday – Billy Graham.

Jesus had spent three years initiating a revolution against the establish religious institution that had developed within God’s chosen people. But as we saw the 1st week His revolution although attracting the masses in interest only attracted a relatively few devoted followers. In fact the preaching ministry that started after Jesus’ resurrection was left to 11 men. These 11 men acting in the power of the Holy Spirit revolutionized the entire world.

I. As Followers of Christ, We Carry on His Disciple-Making Work Under His Authority

Mt. 28:16-18

Jesus would meet His disciples at evidently a prearranged meeting place in Galilee Mt. 26:32, 28:7, 28:10.

Who were those who doubted was it the disciples or was this the incident where 500 other believers were present? 1 Cor 15:6. Why might some doubt even after His resurrection?

READ Pg 92 “This is the picture. The plan of Christ is not dependent on having the right programs or hiring the right professionals but on building and being the right people – a community of people – who realize that we are all enabled and equipped to carry out the purpose of God for our lives” We all possess the same call according to Jesus’ authority. Whether we do the Four Spiritual Laws, FAITH or the Roman Road they all depend upon our willingness to GO.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was it important for Jesus to assure His disciples that he had authority over all things? Why is it important for believers to remember that all our ministry is under His authority?

II. **As Followers of Christ, We Are Called to Make Disciples of All Nations**

Mt. 28:19-20a

“Therefore” what? Because Jesus’ dominion is majestic and inexhaustible the commission and message to His followers is universal for both Jew and Greek.

Several features of the Great Commission should be noted:

1. Obeying the command is better translated “as we go” as we go about life
2. The instruments of the Great Commission are the believers in Christ Acts 8:4. The persecution of believers caused them to flee Jerusalem and to spread the Gospel everywhere in the known world..it spread like wildfire.
3. Make disciples
4. The scope of the Great Commission is universal “all nations”
5. How are we to disciple? by baptism and teaching

QUESTIONS:

1. How does understanding Jesus to say “As you go about daily life, make disciples” influence your response to the Great Commission?

III. **As Followers of Christ, We Are Guaranteed His Presence in All Circumstances at All Times**

Mt. 28:20b

6. What is the promise of the Great Commission? “I am with you always”.
7. The climax of the Great Commission is the Lord’s return “to the end of the age”
8. The Great Commission is an emphatic command. Believers in Christ are under an obligation to make disciples.

See Pg 90 David calls this section Jesus’ great gamble he told His 11 disciples to go out and do the same things Jesus did. The Great Commission was left to 11 men.

Since there is no plan B for reaching people with the gospel, what will happen if we don’t do our part?

QUESTIONS:

1. From what you know about the first century church do you think it was easy to carry out Christ’s command?
2. What difficulties did they face? Rejection, fear, persecution, arrest, death, apathy Yet Jesus promised to be with His followers through all things did He go back on His promise? How can His promise help us reach and teach others about Him?

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