

Jesus the Radical

Intro

- Welcome
- **Q—Describe a time in your life where you did something radical (not cool or awesome, but amazing, intense, etc.)**
- **Q—How do people typically think of Jesus?**
- Talk about Jesus—a man typically seen as soft, who in fact was a truly radical man. Not only were his actions and beliefs radical, but he also demands radical things from us.

Jesus calms the storm

- Luke 8:22-25 (reader)
- Vs 23—because of the storm, these men were in true danger
 - **Q—When in your life have you felt “in danger” spiritually?**
- Vs 24—the men had already accepted that they were going to die!
 - **Q—In those hard times when we’re in danger, what feelings come out in us?**
- Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and the waters, and everything became calm.
- The men were fearful and amazed and said “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.” (verse 25)
 - This wasn’t the only time Jesus displayed His power...
 - **Q—What are some other instances where people are amazed by Jesus?**
 - Miracles—water into wine, raising people from the dead, healing, driving out demons, walking on water
 - Being raised from the dead himself
 - His teachings
 - **Q—How have you seen God do amazing things in your life or in the lives around you?**
- Jesus was a radical man by the way he lived his life.
 - **Q—What can we learn and gain spiritually by viewing Jesus in this way?**

The Cost of Being a Disciple

- Jesus was also radical in what he calls us to do with our lives
- **Q—What’s the first thing you think of when you hear the word Christian or Christianity?**
- Luke 14:25-27 (reader)
- **Q—What is Jesus saying here?**
 - **Q—How is this a radical teaching?**
 - goes against our natural feelings of “family first,” which usually are good feelings!
- Jesus wants to be first in our lives, above any other relationship we may have
- Verses 31-33 (reader)
- Explain
- Another radical teaching—“any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple”
 - **Q—What can this mean practically? What are some specific things God wants us to give up?**
 - Money, time, family, goals, dreams, desires, sin, etc.
- **Q—What are some other radical teachings of Jesus that you’re aware of?**
 - Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, narrow and wide gates, the last will be first, etc.
- Jesus calls us to do radical things with our lives. Are you following him in these ways?
- We need to first view Jesus as the radical man that he was, and then accept his radical teachings for our lives