

Introduction

• Introduction to Follow Me: The true, radical call of Jesus

In this series, we will answer the question: what is Jesus's true call to his followers?

Luke 9.23-24

23 And he said to them all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

Part 1: What is his call? To give our life to change the world with him.

How do we change the world? We change the world by changing others' eternities

• Introduction to Part 2: Why do radical?

His motivation for asking us to be radical es because in this way he receives maximum glory.

What is our motivation (apart from the glory of God) for being so radical?

Our Motives

Obligation

Pride

Manipulation

Right Actions, Wrong Reasons

Matthew 23.5-7

5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and greetings in the market places and being called rabbi by others.

Good works ruined

Proverbs 16.2

2 All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord.

Debt-like

Forced

Miserable

Psalms 100.2

2 Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

The Alternative

Main Idea: God's Grace Motivates Us to Live Radically

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

What is Grace?

Undeserved Favor

Not by Works

2 Timothy 1.9

9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

We've Received from God

John 1.16

16 And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Salvation and Forgiveness

Ephesians 2.4-9

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesús, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesús. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and

this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Adoption

1 John 3.1

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. {...}

Transformation

Philippians 1.6

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesús Christ.

What does Grace Produce?

1 Corinthians 15.10

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Moving Us

Romans 12.1

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Working Through Us

2 Corinthians 9.8

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need you will abound in every good work.

Freeing Us

Matthew 10.8

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Radical Because of Grace