

Ordinary Radical Followers of Jesus

Our Story

Introduction:

- What does *radical* mean to you?
- Share a story of a time when you did something radical.

Discuss Jon Wasson's radical slogans in youth ministry with your students:

Questions to Explore:

- Have you ever heard any of these in church?
- Do these seem radical to you?

Be radical! (Pray once a year around your school's flagpole.)

Be radical! (Only listen to wholesome music and watch wholesome movies.)

Be radical! (Save sex for marriage. And don't kiss or touch each other either.)

Be radical! (Invite all your friends to church to be saved.)

Be radical! (Go on a mission trip that will change *your* life.)

Be radical! (Wear t-shirts that play off of secular advertising in order to sell Jesus.)

Be radical! (Don't use profanity.)

Be radical! (Wear pro-life t-shirts and protest at clinics.)

Be radical! (Stand for heterosexual ideas and against homosexuality.)

Be a radical! (Love the sinner, hate the sin.)

God's Story

Read the following Scriptures:

Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 12:28-34

Questions to Explore:

- Are these stories radical to you?
- How do these differ from the radical statements we just talked about?
- How are they the same?

Shared Vision

Bring the two visions of our world and the world of Scripture together by exploring the questions below.

Questions to Explore:

Are there any images that came to mind as you read these scriptures?

Is there a way that you practice loving God and loving your neighbor on a daily basis?

How does your initial definition of *radical* change after reading these stories from Scripture?