



Radical Community

A Radical Attitude

"All the believers were one in heart and mind." Acts 4:32a

1. Radical Sharing Do you do this? _____

"No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32b

2. Radical Generosity Do you do this? _____

"There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need." Acts 4:34-35

"I wonder if followers of Christ 150 years from now will look back at Christians in America today and ask, 'How could they live in such big houses? How could they live in such affluence while thousands of children were dying because they didn't have food and water? How could they go on with their lives as though billions of poor didn't even exist?'

Is materialism a blind spot in American Christianity today? More specifically, is materialism a blind spot in *your* Christianity today? Surely this is something we must uncover, for if our lives do not reflect radical compassion for the poor, there is reason to question just how effective we will be in our declaring the glory of Christ to the ends of the earth. More pointedly, if our lives do not reflect radical compassion for the poor, there is reason to wonder if Christ is really in us at all." David Platt, "Radical"

3. Radical Mission Do you do this? _____

“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:33

“Regardless of what skills we possess, what kind of education we have, or what kind of salary we make, Jesus has commanded each of us to make disciples, and this is the means by which we will impact the world. Indeed, Jesus has invited us to join with him in the surprisingly simple journey of spreading the gospel to all nations by spending our lives for the good of others and the glory of God.” David Platt, “Radical”

Small Group Questions

1. Have you ever been part of a “radical community” like Acts 4:32-35? Explain.
2. How did you answer the “Do you do this?” questions for each section?
3. If you were to pick one section to improve on in the next 30 days, which one would you choose and why?
4. What do you think about the quote from David Platt about radical generosity?
5. Did you use these small group questions? Email Pastor Kent at kentc@northway.org for an encouraging surprise.