

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs kicked off a new series, *Radical: Stop Playing it Safe*. It's time for us to do some evaluation. How deep is our commitment to the message of Jesus? From the book of Acts, Marty reminded us what the church was designed to be. Gathering together, giving generously, serving those in need, spreading the gospel to all nations, visiting the forgotten. It's time to get radical in our faith (radical: different from the usual).

Radical commitment – Don't push God out, then squeeze him back in.

Radical unity – Get engaged in the body of Christ.

Radical generosity – God's plan to accomplish all we are to accomplish is biblical tithing.

## SCRIPTURE

### ACTS 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

### ACTS 4:32-37

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them <sup>35</sup> and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

<sup>36</sup> For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means "Son of Encouragement"). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. <sup>37</sup> He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles.

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What stood out from Marty's message?
2. Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-37. What do you learn about the early church?
3. What was the commitment level of those in these verses? How does this compare to the commitment level in our current culture?
4. What does unity look like in the early church? How does that compare to how we practice unity in our current culture?
5. What does generosity look like in the early church? How does this compare to our current culture?
6. What would our neighborhoods, city, and beyond look like if more people in the church embraced radical commitment, unity, and generosity as modeled in the book of Acts?
7. What would change in your life if you embraced radical commitment, unity, and generosity?
8. How can we pray for you?

## **PRAYER**

Thank God for the community he has brought you to. Ask him to help you radically commit to his church, to continue to seek unity and fellowship through small groups and worship gatherings, and to extend your generosity to uncomfortable bounds as was done in the early church.