

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued in our series, *Radical: Stop Playing It Safe*, with a focus on radical community. While we do have a personal relationship with God, we are called to be part of the kingdom of God, part of a community. Five components make up a radical church community that honors God and keeps their focus on Jesus.

- Radical Worship
- Radical Humility
- Radical Serving
- Radical Generosity
- Radical Unity

SCRIPTURE

RADICAL WORSHIP:

LUKE 4:16

"... and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue as was his custom."

HEBREWS 10:25

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

RADICAL HUMILITY

EPHESIANS 4:2-3

"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults because of your love. Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace."

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

"Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Though he was God,

he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave

and was born as a human being.
When he appeared in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above all other names,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father."

PROVERBS 22:4

"True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and a long life."

RADICAL SERVING

GALATIANS 5:13

"Serve one another humbly in love."

1 PETER 4:10

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

JOHN 13:34-35

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.
³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

RADICAL GENEROSITY

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

"Remember this ... whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

MATTHEW 23:23

"What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things."

RADICAL UNITY

JOHN 17:20-23

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

²² "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Marty's message?
2. Read Luke 4:16 and Hebrews 10:25. What do you learn about worshiping in community?
3. Where do you see this either fulfilled or lacking in current culture?
4. Read Ephesians 4:2-3, Philippians 2:1-11, and Proverbs 22:4. What do you learn about the importance of humility?
5. Read Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10, and John 13:34-35. What does radical serving look like in the body of the church?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6 and Matthew 23:23. What does radical generosity mean for Jesus followers?
7. Read John 17:20-23. How do we achieve unity within the church?
8. What would be different in our neighborhoods and beyond if the body of Christ, the church, pursued radical community through worship, humility, serving, generosity, and unity?
9. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for the freedom we have to gather and worship. Ask God to prompt you throughout the next week to live in radical community in areas where you may be lacking and where you can make him known by your love.