



SESSION 1 - RADICAL LIFE

SERIES BIG IDEA

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MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Jesus came to usher in a radical upside-down way of living for us.

ICE BREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHTS

- 1. How did you celebrate the New Year? Did you make any resolutions?
- 2. Watch the Play-Doh Jesus video. How have you seen people make Jesus into 'their' image?
- 3. How are you tempted to make Jesus into your own image?

SCRIPTURE READING

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10 NIV

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. Matthew 16:25 NIV

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:25-27 NIV

DISCUSSION

- 4. Read John 10:10, Matthew 16:25, and Luke 14:25-27, what stood out to you?
- 5. What is your idea of having life to the full, and how is that similar or different from what Jesus said in the above verses?

APPLICATION

- 6. There are three relationships that are essential to living a radical life, or life to the full as Jesus describes. These three are: Me and God, Me and the Church, and Me and the World. How do you think growing in these three relationships has the potential to turn the world upside down?
- 7. As you begin this New Year, which one of these three essential relationships do you want to grow in to live a more radical life this year? What's so radical about focusing on one of these?

CHALLENGE

Celebrate, Connect and Contribute is COMMUNITY's language to describe these three essential relationships. When we intentionally seek to grow in all three of these relationships, we begin to understand the radical life Jesus lived and how he calls us to live radically as well. At COMMUNITY we don't want you to just experience these three relationships, we want to also help you grow.

To identify areas of strength and areas of growth please take the 3C Spiritual Growth Plan Assessment communitychristian.org/3C. The assessment takes less than 15 minutes. If you've already taken it, there is an option to retake it and see how you've grown and changed.

After you've taken it, make a plan and share your plan with your small group or accountability person how you hope to grow this next year.