

Curriculum



Radical Jesus

Unwavering Loyalty
Unconditional Love
Undeniably Freeing
Unbreakable Overcomer
Unswerving Ally
Untiringly Gracious

A sample study from the *Radical Jesus* volume begins on the following page.



LEARN: Overview

Biblical Business Training (“BBT”) equips small-group Bible study leaders and empowers people to apply Biblical principles at work. Our mission is [Faith for Work](#) – and our vision is [Leadership for Life!](#)

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Curriculum: The *BBT 1-2-3™* Format

BBT curriculum is rooted in Scripture and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3™* format enables the group to have a consistent Biblical basis for discussion.



1 Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



2 Group Leader Guide – Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



3 Recap – Encourages community and application



LIVE: Sample Radical Jesus

Jesus is a radical figure who is still challenging the ways of the world, pushing us past our limits and loving us through it. When the radical traits of Jesus are allowed to penetrate our hearts, lives and workplaces are transformed.

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Just Enough

Wilbur Rees published a book in 1971 titled *\$3.00 Worth of God*. In it he writes, “I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please – not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine... I want ecstasy, not transformation; I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth. I want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack. I’d like to buy just \$3 worth of God, please.” But God is not interested in partial investments and divided loyalties.

Gordon MacDonald explains it this way, “When the crowd got too large, [Jesus] would inevitably sharpen the blade of His teaching. He would make it clearer that there was a dramatic cost to discipleship. It was almost as if He were saying the size of this crowd suggests that you haven’t heard me plainly enough or some of you wouldn’t be here; so let me give it to you another way. And when He finished restating His message, many would then leave because they finally understood that no one can remain in the presence of Christ and be merely a very nice person.”

Jesus doesn’t accept lukewarm commitments. Has God ever asked you to jump in with both feet instead of just dipping your toes in the water?

But No More

Jesus made claims and commands that left people undone. He named realities that others sought to bury. Jesus broke barriers and battered bastions no one else had the nerve to assault. Have you?

Jesus called for the utter dismantling of the way things were and the new creation of something so much better. He was not always polite or pious. Jesus was not socially tame.

Jesus was dangerous because He was and is the God who is dangerously good.

Has Jesus become so domesticated in your concept of Him that He no longer disturbs you, no longer disrupts you, no longer disciplines you? Jesus came to pick a side, never to stand on God’s side of the fence. Which side are you on?



LIVE

Discussion questions: Read the text and scriptures below, and prepare to answer the questions.

1. Read [Matthew 6:24](#) and [Luke 11:25-35](#). Where do you have divided loyalties in your life and how is Jesus trying to disrupt this pattern?
2. Read [Luke 11:14-23](#) and [Revelation 3:15-19](#). In which parts of your life is it hardest for you to act based on your faith?
3. Read [Matthew 7:24-27](#). Where are the solid rocks in your life and where have you tried to build on sand?
4. Read [John 15:1-11](#) and [Hebrews 12:1-2](#). When has being disciplined and forgoing what is easy, led to greater joy for you?

Application Question: How will you take action in one area of your life where you have been doing things the world’s way and bring it more in line with God’s way?



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Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests



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Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



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Discussion Questions: Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

- 1) Read [Matthew 6:24](#) and [Luke 14:25-35](#). Where do you have divided loyalties in your life and how is Jesus trying to disrupt this pattern?



God is not interested in partial investments and divided loyalties.



It's hard to give our all to God when we're only willing to dip our toes in the pool. We want good friendships and marriages, but we avoid facing the problems and sins that keep them from being great relationships. We want our kids to be spiritually vital but also on the elite sports team with games on Sundays. We want a sane, healthy life, but also one packed with all the possessions and pace of "success." Jesus wants us to trust in Him completely by jumping in with both feet.

Notes:

- 2) Read [Luke 11:14-23](#) and [Psalm 138:15-19](#). In which parts of your life is it hardest for you to act based on your faith?



The areas where it's hardest for you to live your faith are the areas where you're not "all in" with Jesus.



Ours is a world that has grown comfortable with partial commitments, hedged bets, and associate memberships. We want to feel part of the game, but we also like the safety of the spectators' seats. We like to crow about the heroism and victories of war and politics when it's going well for our side, but distance ourselves from taking responsibility for the bad plays and losses. Jesus described life with God in terms of leaving parents, getting out of safe boats, dropping nets, selling possessions, and denying self.



To further facilitate discussion, you might ask, "What makes you wary of a full investment in Christ?"

Notes:

- 3) Read [Matthew 7:24-27](#). Where are the solid rocks in your life and where have you tried to build on sand?



You can define and pursue the values of this world or God's kingdom, but there is eternal stability with Him.



Jesus taught and modeled that we might see how our lives can have complete integrity in our relationships with ourselves, others, and God. Jesus came and gave His life for us, that through us He might have complete influence here, there, and to the ends of the earth. We cannot keep sitting on the sidelines, but instead, get off the bleachers and ground ourselves in Him.



To further facilitate discussion, you might say, "Tell a story of when you thought your life was built on rock, only to see part of it crumble away."

Notes:

- 4) Read [John 15:1-11](#) and [Hebrews 12:1-2](#). When has being disciplined and forgoing what is easy, led to greater joy for you?



Like a long-held investment, God intends for the rewards to outweigh the sacrifices.



Spiritual disciplines help us find greater integration between God's will and our own. They further transform our character and conduct and help us develop greater influence on those around us. Jesus desires complete joy for us, but if we want all this, we cannot remain as we are.

Notes:

Application Question: How will you take action in one area of your life where you have been doing things the world's way and bring it more in line with God's way?



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Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



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Ask Yourself: What does it mean to be *with* Jesus? See [Matthew 12:30](#)



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ROADMAP

This [BBT](#) volume of curriculum reveals the radical character of Jesus. He is still challenging the ways of the world, pushing us past our limits and loving us through it. Imagine if the radical traits of Jesus were to penetrate our hearts, challenge our lives and transform the workplace.

This lesson reveals that while we often tend to have divided loyalties, Jesus did not. Allowing Him to integrate our beliefs and actions helps us move closer to solid ground and unwavering loyalty.



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Jesus called His disciples to follow Him alone and not divide their loyalties with other things that disrupt their calling. God tells the Church to be either hot or cold as He has no use for Christians that cannot take decisive action. Jesus instructed the disciples to build their lives on God's solid foundation.

Scripture References for this study: [Matthew 6:24](#); [Luke 14:26-35](#); [Luke 11:14-23](#); [Revelation 3:15-19](#); [Matthew 7:24-27](#); [John 15:1-11](#); [Hebrews 12:1-2](#); [Matthew 12:20-21](#)



LIVE

- Divided disruptions
- Divided actions
- Divided foundations

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