

RADICAL

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 6

Chapter 6— “If you and I have running water, shelter over our heads, clothes to wear, food to eat, and some means of transportation (even if it’s public transportation), then we are in the top 15% of the world’s people for wealth” (p 115). As followers of Christ, we must “wrestle with what Jesus is calling us to do with our resources as we follow Him” (p 119). “Anyone wanting to proclaim the glory of Christ to the ends of the earth must consider not only how to declare the Gospel verbally but also how to demonstrate the gospel visibly in a world where so many are urgently hungry” (p 109). “When we have the courage to look in the faces of brothers and sisters whose bodies are malnourished and whose brains are deformed because they have no food, Christ will change our desires, and we will long to sacrifice our resources for the glory of his name among them” (p 127). It is the “joy of a radical Gospel inside of us that produces radical fruit outside of us” (p 135).

Leaders remember our monthly goals

1. Prayer- around gospel encounters, pains in the group, praises of our great God.
2. Encourage intentional living (gospel in the everyday)
3. Verbally inform about church life- announcements (or prayer about - facility, prayer regarding pressing issues in your group or in the church- see point one)
4. Apply the word
 - a. Scripture memory
 - b. sermon application
 - c. Putting off the old self and putting on Christ
 - i. confession leading to repentance through
 - ii. accountability- we want people to be suspicious of their own hearts and learn to apply the gospel with adults and children.
5. Joy in all you do ☺

Refresh everyone’s memory of the chapters by reading the summary:

1. Talk about interesting or convicting quotes from Chapter 6. What questions do your group members have pertaining to these first two chapters?
2. Remind our people that self-denying love for others does not earn us right standing before God, but rather is a fruit of the heart that sees the beauty and all-satisfying nature of Jesus. The Gospel must be our fuel and motivation for living intentional lives of love and sacrifice where God has us.
3. As “caring for the poor is one natural overflow and a necessary evidence of the presence of Christ in our hearts,” how is God calling you personally to demonstrate the Gospel visibly among the poor and suffering?
4. Identify any specific areas of your life where you have been challenged to take practical steps to save money to go toward care for the hurting and the spread of God’s fame. (Ex: Cutting out ice cream or coffee so that the money saved can go toward mission)
5. Christ clearly calls His followers to radical obedience. Discuss amongst the group the temptation to rationalize or justify our ideas as to why Jesus would not call us to sacrifice in a particular area. Encourage one another to approach God humbly, asking Him to teach us through His Word and lead us to Gospel-centered sacrificial lives.
6. What fears do group members have about radical sacrifice and abandonment to the cause of Christ? (Ex: I want have enough future savings, or I’ll lose my safety and security) Remind each other of God’s present and future grace to those who radically align with His purposes.
7. In Philippians 4 the Apostle Paul says he has found his contentment in Christ whether he’s hungry, well fed, poor, or with plenty. What is God teaching you about being content with only food, clothing, and the basic necessities of life?
8. “The way we use our money is a barometer of our present spiritual condition” (p 138). Have group members identify evidences of God’s grace in those who they’ve seen use their resources sacrificially for the Glory of God and the joy of people in Him. Praise God together for His grace in and through others.