

RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP (LESSON 10)

Concerning the mission of communism Karl Marx stated, "Philosophers have only interpreted the world differently; the point is, however, to change it." Marx's communism has done much to change the world for the worse. Jesus' disciples continue to change it for the better. The job of the church is to reach the world with the Gospel, and let Jesus do the changing. It takes more than believers to do that. It takes radical disciples who will give up their lives and lay down their lives to fulfill Christ's great commission. Oswald Chambers commented on the difference between being a believer and being a disciple. "The distinction between a saved soul and a disciple is fundamental. The stern conditions laid down by our Lord for discipleship are not the conditions of salvation; discipleship is a much closer and more conscious relationship. The secret of discipleship is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (see Galatians 6:14; I Corinthians 2:2)." The goal of a disciple is the goal of his master. To be Jesus' disciples we must complete His mission or die trying. Jesus made His mission clear when He commanded His disciples to make disciples (Matthew 28:19). That command reveals the fundamental calling of a disciple. Disciples make disciples. It is incorrect to consider a disciple anything less than a disciple-maker.