

## RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP (LESSON 45)

**PRIORITY 2: THE HOLY SPIRIT.** During the last teaching session with His disciples, Jesus instructed them to believe Him because of the works. “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves” (John 14:11). The works Jesus spoke of were not His works but theirs, the works they would do after He ascended to Heaven. Jesus then made an audacious statement that is as surprising now as it was then. “Most assuredly I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father” (John 14:12). Then Jesus said, “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:13). These statements reveal that we are to do the same works Jesus did and even greater works. How could that be? Henry Morris says, “The works of the believer are not greater in quality (i.e. miracles) but in quantity.” Mac Donald states, “It is greater to save souls than to heal bodies.” MacArthur seems to agree, “Jesus did not mean greater works in power, but in extent. They would become gospel witnesses to all the world through the power of the indwelling and infilling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8) and would bring many people to salvation because of the Comforter dwelling in them.” The key to understanding the “greater works” is in Jesus’ words, “because I go to My Father.” When Jesus was exalted to the right hand of the Father, He received the promise of the Spirit and poured the Spirit out on Pentecost for the church age. Disciples today have the same power Jesus had, except Jesus had the power without measure. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is in us doing the “greater works. Radical disciples live in that power and call upon that power to fulfill the promise of Christ.