

Since we finished *Radical*, I think it's important to continue to go through "My Radical Experiment." I don't believe many of us want to put the book on a shelf without being changed in some way and blessing God in the process.

I will pray for the entire world.

Questions:

The Greatest Commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39) Is the world my neighbor?

What does it mean to pray continually? Prayer isn't just me talking. Can I be still and listen to God?

How can I pray for the whole world? Have I checked out operationworld.org?

What specific steps do I need to take to pray for the entire world?

What has my prayer life looked like over the last year, month, week?

What's my biggest obstacle to praying for the world?

Is there a specific country my heart is burdened for?

What does it cost me, if anything, to pray?

Am I praying that others may be saved? Do I pray for the church? Do I ask God to send believers to the multitudes? Are my prayers effective? What can my prayer do, as it is empowered by God?

On p. 188, Platt describes a scene in South Korea and a loud prayer service. He says, "We express enthusiasm, emotion, and affection for football and other sports, and it begs the question, what would happen in our culture if the church prayed with such passion? What would happen if we spent hours before God praying on behalf of the church, the lost, and the poor around the world?" Of course, this can start at home.

Verses: *1 Thessalonians 5:17, 1 Corinthians 14:15, Romans 10:1, James 5:16*

I will read through the entire Word.

Questions:

The Greatest Commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39) Does reading the Word show God I love Him? Doesn't reading the Bible show me how to love my neighbor?

What has my Bible reading looked like over the last year, month, week?

What's my biggest obstacle to reading the Bible daily?

Is it possible for me to get up half an hour earlier to read? (A friend gets up 6:33 a.m. – because of Matthew 6:33 - so that He can start his day with Jesus.) Or what about turning off the TV a little earlier so that I can spend time reading?

What does it cost me, if anything, to read the Word? (In some countries, believers are risking death.)

Remember: “Never read to get through the Bible, read to get the Bible through you.”

What specific steps do I need to follow so I can make this a reality?

Platt suggests spending less time in books and more time in the Bible. “When you or I open the Bible, we are beholding the very words of God – words that have supernatural power to redeem, renew, refresh, and restore our lives to what he created them to be.” (p. 192) Is that how I think of the Bible?

Verses: *Psalm 119:11, 105, Hebrews 4:12, James 1:21*

I will sacrifice my money for a specific purpose.

Questions:

I received a letter from Compassion International about my sponsored child. It said, “I am excited to write to you this letter and I thank you most sincerely for the sacrifice you make to give an opportunity to Bruce.” I was convicted because it’s not a sacrifice at all. In fact I hardly notice. It makes me wonder if God even cares about this kind of giving. “The challenge is not just to give away excess stuff that you really don’t need anyway. Sacrifice is giving away what it hurts to give. Sacrifice is not giving according to your ability; it’s giving beyond your ability.” (p. 195)

Blood:water mission is asking people to only drink water for 40 days and then use the savings to help pay for wells in Africa. It costs a little more than a dollar a day to sponsor a child with Compassion International. Is this too much for me to give up? What am I willing to sacrifice? What am I willing to go without? Where is my heart?

Can I set a cap on my cost of living so I can give more? In what areas of my life will this be difficult?

What do I believe is my specific purpose to donate to?

Do I trust more in God or my financial portfolio?

Do I give with a cheerful heart?

At the end of my life, will I regret making money, getting stuff, and being comfortable? Will I regret giving things away?

Verses: *Acts 5:3, 1 Peter 4:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Matthew 6:21*

I will spend time in another context.

Questions:

How have I spent my time over the last year, month, week?

Where do I feel God leading me to go? What specific steps do I need to take to go?

What’s holding me back? (a hot shower, air conditioning, bugs?)

In what area am I gifted? How does that affect where I should go?

Who is my “Jerusalem, Judea, end of the Earth?”

Platt suggests spending 2% of my time in another context. This equals one week. Do I have one week to give? What specific steps do I need to take to make this possible?

“A true brother comes to be with you in your time of need.” (p. 198) Am I willing to be there when life gets hard? Am I willing to share my brother’s burdens? Isn’t that part of loving my neighbor?

“When a group of people decided to give 2 percent of their lives to making the gospel known in another

context around the world, they had no idea how radically it would transform the other 98 percent of their lives in their own context.” (p. 202) Have I experienced this?

“What happened when [we] begin following Christ with all [our] hearts in all the world?” (p. 213)

Verses: *Psalm 95:2-3, Isaiah 49:6, Romans 10:14-15, John 20:2, Acts 1:8*

I will commit my life to a multiplying community.

Questions:

The Greatest Commandment is “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37, 39) Isn’t being part of a multiplying community a way I show love to my neighbor?

Am I in a small group? Do I regularly meet with other believers?

Who is my community? Who do I go to when I need help?

“The reality is, we need community in order to follow Christ radically.” (p. 205) Why?

Is my community making disciples? If not, how can we do that?

“So who are the band of disciples that you are going to join with for the next year in this Radical Experiment? Alongside whom will you go into the community and into other contexts? With whom will you share the life of Christ as you show them what it means to follow after him? To whom will you teach the Word as God teaches you over the next year? How are you going to intentionally make disciples?” (p. 206-207)

Verses: *Romans 15:7, Colossians 3:13, Romans 13:8, Hebrews 10:24-25*

This month’s memory verse: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” *Matthew 28: 19-20*

Reminders:

3.11 The Gathering at SHU at 10am “The Journey to the Cross”

3.18 The Gathering at SHU at 10am “The Journey to the Cross”

3.25 The Gathering at SHU at 10am “The Journey to the Cross”