

# RADICAL REFORMATION

Week 1: *Anabaptists & Us*  
Week 2: *Anabaptists & Scripture*  
Week 3: *Anabaptists & Church*  
Week 4: *Anabaptists & Peace*

## Week 5: *Anabaptists & Mission*

### APPETIZER: The Quiet in the Land and Other Questions

1. *How did Anabaptist go from evangelistic zeal to isolationist communities?*
2. *If Jesus has ultimate authority over our lives, is it right to talk about Scriptural authority?*
  - In the category of *written* sources about Jesus, the Bible alone is authoritative.
  - In the category of ultimate *rulership* over our lives, Jesus alone is authoritative.

It is Christ Himself, not the Bible, who is the true word of God. The Bible, read in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to Him.  
~ C.S. Lewis

The Bible is more like John the Baptist than Jesus. We don't follow the Bible. The role of the Bible is to point to Jesus, the one we follow.  
~ Brian Zahnd

3. *Why doesn't the Brethren In Christ believe in the "inerrancy" of Scripture?*
4. *Since Jesus teaches against swearing oaths, do Anabaptists swear to tell the truth in court?*
5. *Do Anabaptists think it is okay to work for the government?*
6. *Are Quakers/Brethren/Baptists Anabaptist?*

7. *What about passages in the New Testament that talk about entire households being baptized (e.g., **Acts 16:31-34**)? Doesn't that suggest babies were baptized too?*

### DINE IN: Following Jesus On Mission

Luke 9:51-62

2 Kings 1:9-16

John 3:17

CAUTION: Judgement is coming, one day.

Luke 13:6-9

In the meantime...

2 Peter 3:9

1 Peter 3:9

### TAKE OUT: Who or What is FIRST in your life?

- ✓ I think I may love \_\_\_\_\_ more than Jesus.
- ✓ I am ready to follow Jesus FIRST. And for me, I know that means I should start by:
  - a) Giving up \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) Talking about Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) Committing to do \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d) Talking about my failure with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e) Praying for God's help with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### NEXT WEEK: Special Guest, Greg Boyd!

Greg will be speaking on the importance and urgency of evangelism.

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## Home Church Questions

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. We're at the end of the series. What was the most significant thing you learned about our spiritual heritage as Radical Reformers?
2. Review Sunday's message. Talk about what most encouraged, convicted, or puzzled you. There is a lot to cover here. Take your time with this, look up Bible passages, and enjoy some rich discussion.

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **Luke 9:46-62**.
  - a. What verse or idea stands out to you?
  - b. Jesus encourages his disciples to be on the lookout for the "least" among us and to welcome/receive them as the "greatest" among us (**verse 48**). Who do you think that is in the church today? In your neighbourhood today? In the world today?
  - c. Compare **verse 50** with **11:23**. What makes the difference?
  - d. In **verse 54**, James and John (the "sons of thunder") assume that God's ways in the Old Testament (**2 Kings 1:9-16**) are the same for the New Testament. What's wrong with this idea?
  - e. Jesus tells one would-be disciple to "go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God" (**verse 60**). What does that mean? How do we "proclaim the kingdom of God" today? What is that message?

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. Talk about your "Take Out" answers and make specific plans for helping one another follow through this week.

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## Quotes

Welcome to the conclusion of our series about our spiritual roots.

Today's topic...  
Part 5: Anabaptism and Mission (Plus extra Q & A)

In Luke's Gospel, chapter 9, we read about a time when Jesus' disciples thought that evangelism was literally a matter of "turn or burn"...

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"

But Jesus turned and rebuked them saying, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy people's lives, but to save them."