

 <p>RADIATE THE OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF THE INNER LIFE</p>	<p>questions for reflection</p> <p>series: "Radiate: The Outward Expression of the Inner Life" What do people see when they look at us, listen to us, and live with us? What do people know about our inner life based on our outward expressions? How will our internal redemption, hope, and healing radiate outward? As followers of Christ we desire to make visible the faith that we profess to be true. This 4-week Teaching Series is a call to be known as people of deep joy, goodness, mission, and hope.</p> <p>part 1: "Radiate Introduction" by Brian Gray on Tuesday August 4, 2009</p>
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We're all imperfect and in need of God to change us. How have you gotten too good at the wrong things over the years? Attitudes, emotions, thoughts, actions...

List some of the things that we celebrate in our culture and how we celebrate them. How do these expressions of celebration compare to the way Christians do, or at least should, celebrate God?

In Psalm 34, David tells his story of how God brought redemption to his broken life. Redeeming something means to free it from what distresses or harms it; to repair or restore.

- Where are the places in your life where you have seen God bring his redemption to you?
- Where do you need that redemption right now?

We talked about two themes from Psalm 34: we radiate our inner life to the world around us, and what we radiate is contagious to others.

- What are your reactions to those ideas?
- What are you externalizing? What radiates off of you? What is your reputation with others?

Re-read Psalm 34:5 and think about the notion that "what we look at always impacts us."

- What are your reflections?
- How is that true? What does it mean to "look" toward God?
- How does your relationship with God cause you to be more radiant to others?
- What impacts you more: your life circumstances, or your God?
- Do you more often fear (honor or respect) your God, or dread your life?

Think about your generation on the whole. What do you radiate regarding...

- Church and faith?
- View of family?
- Interaction with culture?
- General attitudes and mindsets?

How do you need to grow into a better version of yourself?

Where do you need hope? What are you doing about it?

Think about the most contagious people you know.

- Are they contagious in an infectious or inspiring way?
- What makes them so contagious?

Are you a refreshing person for others to be around? How do you, or can you, draw the best out of others you share relationship with?