

 <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 2: "You're not alone" by Chip Anderson on Tuesday August 11, 2009</p>
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When was a time you had to say a hard good bye to someone you loved?
 What did you say? What did they say?

What are your best experiences in extending God's Kingdom, or in sharing spiritual truth with others? What are some of your harder experiences?

As part of his last words to the disciples, Jesus told them they would be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be his witnesses.
 Reread the first section of Acts 1.

- How do you think this showed up in the lives of the disciples? Can you point to any examples in the Scripture?
- Why do you think it was necessary for them to wait in Jerusalem? Couldn't the Holy Spirit find them anywhere they were?
- How you ever felt empowered by the Holy Spirit?
- If so, how did that empowerment show up in our life?
- If not, what do you think the reason is for this?

God does not leave us alone in being his witness and advocates to a world in need. He asks us to partner with him, since the Holy Spirit lives within believers to empower them.

- How can this change the way you feel about extending Jesus' Kingdom to the lives of others?

Jesus told the disciples they would be his witnesses starting in the city of Jerusalem, next moving into the regions of Judea (south of the city) and Samaria (north of the city) and to the ends of the earth.

- Why do you think Jesus laid out this order?
- If Jesus were to talk with you about where he would want your missional priorities to be, where would he suggest?

Chip mentioned that TNL was missional community. Here is a good understanding of what that means: "Missional is a helpful term used to describe what happens when you and I replace the "come to us" invitations with a "go to them" life. A life where "the way of Jesus" informs and radically transforms our existence to one wholly focused on sacrificially living for Him and others and where we adopt a missionary stance in relation to our culture. It speaks of the very nature of the Jesus follower."

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- What words or ideas stand out to you? Why?
- How can you practically live these ideas out in your circles of influence?

Chip suggested a number of ways we can start becoming more missional followers of Jesus. Interact with these thoughts – how could you embody them? What other missional lifestyles come to mind?

- Be a regular
- Know your neighbors
- Live an attractive faith
- Go out of your way for people
- Get involved in your community