



questions for reflection

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.

part 3:
 "The Mission of Reconciliation"
 by Chip Anderson on Tuesday August 18, 2009

What motivates you?

- Why?

Paul lived a crazy life motivated by his conversion in Acts 9. Read through 2 Corinthians 11:16-31 to understand what he was willing to endure for the cause of Christ.

- How has the love of Christ compelled you to change how you live?
- What sacrifices have you made in order to live out your faith?
 - What is it about your faith in Christ that caused you to make these changes and sacrifices?

Paul has strong words for those who are alive in Christ because of his sacrifice. 2 Corinthians 5:15 says they should no longer live for themselves, but for Christ.

- In what way do people live for themselves?
- What would need to change in order to live a life for Christ?

How does the transformation mentioned in verses 16 & 17 play into a missional lifestyle?

How would you summarize or encapsulate the message of reconciliation Paul talks about in verse 19?

As part of the new life offered in Christ, Paul mentions in 2 Corinthians 5 that God "gave us the ministry of reconciliation" and therefore we are ambassadors (representatives) for Christ.

- What might this ministry or mission look like in someone's personal life?
 - In what other areas of your life, other than spiritual, might you still need reconciliation?
- What might this ministry or mission look like in someone's town or city?
- What might this ministry or mission look like around the world?
- To what lengths should a Christian go in order to fulfill the role of being Christ's ambassador?
 - Can an ambassador of Christ go too far in order to carry out this mission?
- Where could you facilitate reconciliation with others?

When you read in verse 21 that Christ exchanged his righteousness for our sin, how does that make you feel?

- Explain.