

1. THE RADICAL {GROUP DISCUSSION}

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Join together in worship, and pray for each group member, committing them to God's purposes for the duration of this course

GROUP DISCUSSION

As each group member shares their response, have the rest of the group members quietly seek God for a scripture or prayer of blessing that they could offer the person. Have the members share their thoughts after the prayer is heard.

If you are able, share with the group your prayer of response to the Radicalis Declaration.

What would elements of your daily schedule, conversations and priorities would change if you became a relevant radical?

Has there been an example in your life recently where your Christian example, or just your presence altered a situation amongst your friends, family or colleagues?

READ TOGETHER

Radicalis is all about that which is rooted within us. It pertains to the heart, the inner-you. At the very root of you is your character and your core-values. These are things that are not aspirational—they are not the things you merely *should* be or *should* do. They are not the values and commands you try to live up to. They are the elements of the real you that you cannot help but live out. The consistent fruit of your life is a product of the root.

This is why John the Baptist was so accusatory when he instructed the Pharisees to live in accordance to their professed repentance (Mat.3:8). He saw the gap between their hidden inner worlds and their visible outer worlds, and their inability to admit it. To deny this gap is the beginning of hypocrisy. To be unaware of this gap is the beginning of self-disappointment.

The world has for centuries had its fill of those who profess and demand morality, yet cannot live it out. What they do resonate with however is the person who recognises a personal need, and cultivates a genuine desire to embrace the abundant life Jesus offers. A life of faith, hope and love. When this is at the root, then the fruit smells good to everyone who longs for life.

“Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. (2 Corinthians 2:14-16)

GROUP DISCUSSION

Have you seen an example of someone exhibiting radical Christianity in a way that has inspired you greatly, even catalysed your own growth?

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What was their “message”? Was it the grace of their conversation, or the morality of their life, or their faith in God? Explain.

Did their life challenge other people as well? In what way?

WHAT IS CURRENTLY AT THE ROOT OF YOUR LIFE?

What sorts of positive and negative things spring to the surface in your life constantly?

1) Ambitions and Desires:

Possible Roots? _____

2) Emotions:

Possible Roots? _____

3) Spiritual Gifts – Natural abilities

Possible Roots? _____

Discuss your answers together – and pray to close.

Note: If negative root-level issues are hindering your life consistently, please consider embarking on the Transforming course. Materials available separately

