

Remove my masks

“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment.” **Romans 12:3b NIV**

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.”
1 Timothy 1:15 NIV

Examine my heart

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.” **Psalms 139:23-24 NIV**

“Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing Your instructions.” **Psalms 119:29a NLT**

Acknowledge God’s truth

- **GOD MADE ME BEAUTIFUL**

“I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” **Psalms 139:14 NIV**

- **SIN MAKES ME BROKEN**

“For the wages of sin is death...” **Romans 6:23a NIV**

Love everyone always

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” **Luke 6:31 NIV**

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” **1 Peter 4:8 NIV**

Next Week: **We Are RELATIONAL**

WHO WE ARE

We Are REAL

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“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’ He answered, ‘I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.’” **Genesis 3:7-10 NIV**

“To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to Heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’” **Luke 18:9-13 NIV**

“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.” **1 Peter 2:1 NIV**

Our Goal Is To Create A Safe Place Where People Can Be REAL With God, Self And Others.

How We're Moving Toward Being REAL



This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to understand and integrate our church value of being real.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly share with each other how we've been doing this week.

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: When is an instance when you fell into the trap of acting "fake" or "wearing a mask?" What was the result? Why is being real an important value?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. Sunday's message focused on who we are as a church, and our value of "being real." Did you sense the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart in some way? How? What is a key point from the message that impacted you?
2. Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16, 2 Corinthians 10:10 and Romans 7:15-20. In these verses the apostle Paul is honest and very real about his weaknesses and limitations. What affect does this humility have on us verses those who boast of their strengths?
3. Read Exodus 4:10, 2 Samuel 7:18-22 and Luke 1:30; 34-38. In what ways do Moses, David and Mary minimize themselves and maximize God's power?

4. Read Romans 3:23. How does the common thread of "all have sinned" help us be real with one another and accept one another with all of our faults?
5. If you think about it, there are levels of "being real." We can be honest, we can be relatable, and then we can be deeply vulnerable. Being vulnerable is scary, yet it is an opportunity for intimacy. How safe do you feel being vulnerable in this group and why?

BLESS others:

One of the greatest criticisms of the church is that it is full of hypocrites. Read the story in John 8:1-11. How does this story relate to hypocrisy, being real, and grace?

BUILD God's kingdom:

Read John 18:37-38. Pilate said to Jesus, "What is truth?" Our culture today is asking the same question. How can our value of being "real" and "relatable" help build bridges with the culture around us?

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

What do you sense God inviting you to do in response to this study? How will you have to trust God to do this?

PRAYER: What challenge are you facing this week? How can our group pray and support you?

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