

Connection Group Discussion for 12/6/2020

No More Masks 1: Authentic Identity

The Big Idea: We all want to live a life that is Good and Pleasing and Perfect. We don't want to have to hide, nor be ashamed about our identity. God has a good and pleasing purpose for our lives.

Discussion

Romans 12:1-2

1. In Romans 12:1, what does it mean to offer our bodies to God as a living sacrifice? Why should we?
2. Verse 2 says we should not 'conform to the pattern of this world' or 'don't copy the behavior and customs of this world'. Why is that hard? Are there any areas of your life that are more conformed to this world than others?
3. In verse 2, God transforms us into New people by 'changing the way' we think. Looking back over your life, how has God transformed your thoughts?
4. Looking over the last year, has God changed how you think about yourself? How so?
5. At the Epiphany Sunday service, we were given masks and asked to write what we're hiding behind. Think about what it is you hide from others, and what you hide from God. Why are you hiding it?
6. Why is it hard to take off your mask? What are you afraid of?
7. When you let God transform you by changing the way you think, what happens? (v2)
8. How does this help us live authentically (live without a mask)?

Challenge: Put down your old life and pick up salvation through Jesus. Drop off your sin and pick up the new covenant in communion. Drop off your old way of life, and pick up the new. Drop off your mask and pick up Christ.