



THE MASKS WE WEAR

What masks do we sometimes wear to ‘look good’ or hide our pain or avoid showing weakness? (For example, the “I’m happy” mask, or “I don’t need anyone”)

YOUR THOUGHTS

What do you think is included in the idea of being authentic?

THIS WEEK’S FOCUS ON DISCIPLESHIP

This week’s discussion is on an essential to being and making disciples: “authenticity.” This quality is unusual in our culture where we are out to impress or hide from one another. What does God say about our brokenness, sin, pride, and community?

LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD

The Bible is freighted with instruction about our topic. Read the following passages and note how authenticity is connected or produced and how God and people respond.

Matthew 5:3

James 4:6

James 3:2

James 5:15-16

Ephesians 4:15

Galatians 6:2

1 John 1:5-10

1 Peter 4:8; Proverbs 17:17

DISCUSS TOGETHER

From what you studied above, why is authenticity important in helping people become a disciple?
Helping people grow as a disciple?

What are your thoughts about what one pastor wrote on the subject of authenticity: "I have found that disciple making churches often produce an environment that is more akin to a 12-step program than to the educational or entertainment culture that currently defines many churches." (Jim Putnam)

How does being authentic, vulnerable, and transparent help a Home Group fulfill the "one another" commands? (There are 50+, e.g. "bear one another's burdens" or "encourage one another")?

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

Are you willing to aim for authentic this week? I believe that as we listen to God in the Word and ask God to change us, the Holy Spirit will enable us to become like Jesus in every way. Pray and watch for opportunities God will give you to be authentic and vulnerable.

PLEASE PRAY

- Trinity Church is hosting a workshop for men, equipping them to help their kids and grandkids know, love, and follow Jesus. Please pray as we invite and prepare. (Workshop is November 8, 7:00-9:00 PM and November 9, 8:30-11:30 AM)
- Please pray for teachers and helpers in our Kid's Ministries as they shape children. Many are working both hours, so please pray and consider joining the team.
- Pray for your adopted Global Partner and consider how you can serve them.