

The Death of Me

WEEK 4 – AUTHENTIC TO ACCEPTED

BIG IDEA:

We love to put out the best version of ourselves, the only problem is that it isn't real. We, as a culture, we are obsessed with the version of ourselves we want others to see. If we can be honest, we value what others think way too much. So we filter out the bad and only show the good. There is a you that you want people to see and then there is the real you.

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are you masking? (and this is never just one thing)
2. How do we get from a life that focuses on appearance to genuine faith that focuses on and prioritizes authenticity?

Key Point #1: Until you die to the life that you are pretending to live, then you can never live the life that God intended for you to live.

3. Do you find yourself trying to hide from God? Who told you that you were naked? (that you had to hide from God?)
4. Who is the true you? It is important that you tell (confess) this to yourself first and then to God!

Key Point #2: When you choose to fully trust Jesus, then He can fully remove your mask (this is not something you can do on your own).

5. Who's the real Jesus? What is His heart for you?
6. What is holding you back from letting Him set you free from the pain of your past? (2 Cor 3:16-17)

MOVING FORWARD:

When you are finally ready to get real, when you are finally read to die to yourself, when you finally get to the end of your rope, you'll find that Jesus will meet you right there, and He's glad to take you just as you are. It's the best version of you - because it's the real you! As a group, share what it would look like to live authentically without a mask.