

Small group discussion and individual reflection - episode 3

You Don't Have to Fake it Anymore

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If Jesus walked into the room right now and sat in a circle with you and your friends, He wouldn't condemn you. John 3:17 says, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

What would it be like? What would it be like to have Jesus sitting in your circle? Well, first of all, He would be humble, loving, and very concerned about you. Imagine Him looking at you... staring into your eyes, understanding your pain, and saying to you, "You don't have to fake it anymore. I know you, I understand your battles, I'm just as disappointed as you are in the fact that you have had to face so many struggles, but I'm here now, and if you will trust Me, everything is about to change."

You see, you can't fool Jesus. And the great news is, you don't even need to try to fool Jesus because He loves you just as you are. He knows about your struggles and your sin. He is here to forgive you, take that burden of guilt away, and show you a new life. It's exhausting trying to pretend to be something you're not. Always playing a game, just to fit in with people who don't even care about you.

One of the most incredible things about the love of Jesus is the fact that He takes us just like we are, and He molds us into the image and purpose He created us for in the first place!

Here are four things Psalm 139 teaches us about God.

God Knows You - Psalm 139:1, "O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up;"

God is With You – Psalm 139:3, "You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Psalm 139:7, Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?"

God Made You – Psalm 139:13-14, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

God Leads You – Psalm 139:23-24, "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

If you could talk to Jesus face to face, what would you like Him to understand about you?

Jesus, one of my greatest struggles is _____

Jesus, one of my fears is _____

Jesus, I need your help with this _____

Jesus, another thing on my mind is _____

Discuss in a group or with a friend how being REAL with God can change your relationship with Him? Write a prayer to God on the back of this sheet telling Him how grateful you are for His love for you.

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