

How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?



*Taking Off  
the Masks*

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1 Timothy 1:5, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The problem with masks

The power of grace

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**Taking Off the Masks**  
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**Message-based Group Lesson**

**Overview**

This week we are looking at the phrase “sincere faith” and the ways we can “fake it” in our walk with God. What are some of the reasons we tend to do this? Paul’s testimony in 1 Timothy 1:12-17 gives us a powerful illustration of his authenticity, vulnerability, and transparency and how that contributes to our spiritual health and a powerful witness to God’s grace.

**Engaging with each other**

1. Imagine yourself walking through a costume store. What costumes do you think would be fun to wear and why?
2. If you could have a super power, which one would you want? Why did you pick that one?

**Engaging with the Bible**

1. Read 1 Timothy 1:5. The phrase “sincere faith” literally means “faith without hypocrisy.” The word for hypocrisy comes from the theater where actors would put various masks before their faces to depict different characters. What do you think this has to do with our faith?

2. Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. In this passage, Paul reminds Timothy of some of his own story. How does this testimony reflect a “faith without hypocrisy?”
3. What is the source of Paul’s transformation? How does this bring hope into your life as you read his testimony?
4. What does Paul mean in verse 16 when he writes “so that Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life?”

**Engaging with our lives**

1. What are some of the ways we can put on masks as believers? What are the consequences of this?
2. What masks are you likely to use?
3. What is one step you will take this week to lay aside your personal favorite mask?