



MASQUERADE

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Masquerade Series – Part 2: Unmasking the Y Generation

Review it

A lot of us are living two lives and we have a face for each of them: outwardly we display our got-it-together face, which masks an inner private life that's often filled with pain. In this series we'll learn to stop the masquerade and get help- the help that comes when we're honest and vulnerable with our loving, healing God.

Discuss It

1. Pastor Mark Pettus said that the youth of this generation, more than ever before, are characterized by their potential and their vision for the future. At the same time, they are more uncertain than ever how do accomplish what they want to do. In what ways are you faced with the same conflicts?
2. [Read 2 Cor. 11:14] In what ways have you experience satan masquerading as an angel of light?
3. Pastor Mark cited statistics that show how we are connected electronically, yet disconnected relationally. How have you experienced this irony in your own life? What have you done to correct the imbalance?
4. This generation is thought to be self-centered because of a pervasive sense of entitlement—the belief that they are “owed” the things that others have had to work for and wait for. Share a time when your own life centered on your desires, and the outcome of living for yourself.
5. Christ modeled a lifestyle that was the opposite of “entitlement” that is, He commands us to die to self and to sacrifice our selfish desires for the cause of Christ. As a group, find and read aloud several Scripture verses that illustrate this radical way of living.

Think on It

To know God's will and purpose for our lives, we must continually eliminate distractions, listen for God's voice and focus on the path that God reveals. If you do not know God's purpose and call for your life, take this week to follow the steps and possibly listen to Pastor Chris's podcast series "What's God's Will?" If you have discovered your calling, focus this week on making decisions that will help to fulfill that call.

Act on It

Pastor Mark said that when we seek out the best in others, God will develop the best in us. Choose a person in your life who typically causes heartache or hardship. Instead of complaining about him/her, pray that God will reveal good things and replace your bitterness with loving thoughts. Purposefully pray for that person all week long.