

Becoming the Real You

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REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will build my life on the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace) found in Galatians 5.
- I will make Jesus Christ the foundation of my life.
- I will get baptized as a symbol of that commitment.

SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Matt delves into the concept of the four selves individuals possess, exploring the public, private, actual, and glory selves. He stresses the importance of aligning these selves, achieving authenticity, and seeking God's true judgment of who we are.

By understanding and embracing each self, one can move towards genuine transformation and the realization of their ultimate potential in God.

The sermon from the series on Corinthians challenges listeners to let go of societal expectations and egotistical desires, instead focusing on inner growth and becoming their true glory selves.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to let go of our public self and embrace authenticity? Can you think of a situation in your life where you felt pressured to maintain a certain image in front of others and how it affected you?
2. How do we bridge the gap between our private self and our actual self? What specific steps can you take to become more self-aware and aligned with your actual self as known by God?
3. Why does Paul in his letter to the Corinthians emphasize the dangers of boasting and self-promotion? How can we actively resist the urge to boast and engage in impression-management in our everyday lives?
4. What does it mean to have a 'glory self' and how can we strive to become that? What are some ways you can focus on personal growth and pursuing the character transformation that brings out your true glory self?

5. How can we use our understanding of the four selves to approach others with compassion and recognize their potential for glory? Can you think of a person in your life that you might have judged or misunderstood, and how can you change your perspective to see their potential?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

- 1 Corinthians 4:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 4:10-13
- Romans 7:15
- Psalm 19:12
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 2 Corinthians 4:17

Next Steps

- I will ask God to reveal the truth about me to myself.
- I will examine my life with an open mind and a humble spirit.
- I will not compare someone's public self to my private self.
- I will look for the glory self in others and in myself.
- I will encourage others to become their glory self.

Prayer Request(s)

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