

MARINERS CHURCH



This Is Us
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REAL PEOPLE

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. Then the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid." Genesis 3:7-10 (NLT)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23 (NIV)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8 (NLT)

Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. Romans 3:24 (NLT)

So, how do we come out of hiding and become more authentic?

1. **Know yourself and God's grace to you.**
2. **Accept others like Jesus accepts you.**

Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. Romans 15:7 (NLT)

REAL GOD

Anyone who comes to him (God) must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous



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through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! Philippians 3:8-11 (NLT)

REAL CALLING

Ministry of Reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (NIV)

But we have this treasure in common jars of clay. 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)

Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this ministry, we never give up. 2 Corinthians 4:1

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NLT)

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Take a few moments and talk about the value of being self-aware, honest, and authentic with others about the real struggles and brokenness you deal with.

Share a time when you were shown undeserved kindness from someone. Share how that helped you understand the love and grace of God more?

If you have not experienced situations described above, make that a matter of shared prayer with your group.

Read Philippians 3:8-11. How do you share the same passion as Paul and how might you hold back? Is this a foreign or intimidating position? Could you see yourself pursuing God more like Paul?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. Discuss the meaning of reconciliation. If there was someone, who was part of reconciling you to God? How do you see yourself engaging in this behavior more so others would come to know God's love?

Take time to pray together.

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org