



To Be Honest: Part One: Full Disclosure

Introduction

Most people are mostly honest with themselves. Our most healthy relationships are our most honest relationships. But the question we have to wrestle with is, how honest am I with God? **Until we are willing to be fully honest with God, we are not going to experience God fully.** As you walk through the questions below, be honest with each other because that is also part of being honest with God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

“When we begin to be fully honest with God, then we will begin to experience God fully.”

Why is it that people sometimes feel it is wrong to be honest with God?

Read: Psalm 7:1-2; Psalm 40:1-3; Psalm 42:9-10; Psalm 73:1-5; 66:1-5; Psalm 58:6-8

Context: *David was Giant Slayer, a Successful Warrior, an Adulterer and Murderer and was called A Man After God's Own Heart. David was brutally honest with God despite his shortcomings and achievements.*

- Read the some or all of the following verses: Psalm 7:1-2; Psalm 40:1-3; Psalm 42:9-10; Psalm 73:1-5; 66:1-5; Psalm 58:6-8. Take some time to talk about what David was being honest about with God. How do you relate to David's honesty?
- How does honesty with God force us to be honest with ourselves?
- How does honesty with God create clarity around our circumstances?
- How does honesty with God allow us to have a closer relationship with God?
- Jason shared a quote from E. Stanley Jones. He said ***“If I throw out a boat hook from the boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God.”*** If prayer is the conversation where honesty is expressed, what can you do this week to align your will with God's will?
- When we begin to be fully honest with God, then we will begin to experience God fully. What do you need to do this week to be fully honest with God? Do you need to get angry? Do you need to praise Him for good and exciting things? Do you need to tell Him about your sadness? Share your next step with your group.

MOVING FORWARD

So we've taken some time as a group talking about being honest with God. It's humorous to think that so often, we don't want to be honest with God because we are afraid we could fall out of his good grace even though he already knows what we are thinking. We also know that His grace and love toward us never changes. God wants a close, personal relationship with us and all too often, it is our walls of pride that get in the way. Let the wall go. Be honest with God because he loves you and has your best interest at heart.

LIVE IT OUT

Memorize: Learn one or some of the verses we read from Psalms.

Journaling: Journal about some things you need to be honest with God about.

Prayer: Take some intentional time to align your will with God's will this week.

Accountability: Part of being honest with God is going to reflect in honesty with each other. Be honest with an accountability partner about what you need to be honest with God about and ask them to pray for you.