

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 7 February 2021

Re-Connect – Masks
2 Corinthians 3:12-18



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Is there someone you know so well that no matter how much time passes you can pick up the relationship where you left it? Why do you think this is such a good thing?

Q2. Are there areas of your life that you feel you cover (mask) at times? Why do you think we do this?

INTO THE WORD

Read Exodus 34:33-35

Q3. Moses masked himself (with the veil). Why do you think he does this? What is he hiding? What is he protecting?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Q4. Paul talks in the letters to the Corinthians about not being covered over, but having freedom (v17). What does this freedom look like and do you think we live our lives in this freedom or not? Why? What causes this?

GOING DEEPER

Read Revelation 3:20

Q5. We all have masks in our lives, doors that cover areas of our thoughts, our emotions, our actions, and our spiritual life. Often, they are there for good reasons, (to protect ourselves and others). Should we place masks over areas of our life when it comes to our relationship with God? What areas do you feel Christians struggle to allow God into and why?

Q6. God calls us to be 'The Church', the 'Body of Christ', to not only worship together, but to encourage each other (Hebrews 10:24) for the purpose of the Gospel. We see images of the early church in scripture unified. How can we take off the masks we wear to be lovingly open and honest with one another, carrying each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2) so that we can further the Kingdom of God?

Pray

Loving Father, we ask that you help us remove the masks that we wear, that we would be open and led by your spirit to love people how they should be loved. Help us carry one another's troubles so that they can then heal and press forward with the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we grow closer to one another as we grow closer to you. In Jesus' name, amen.