

Announcements:

- ANNOUNCE anything that our Teen Ministry is doing (community service events, weekend events, series for midweek, etc.)

Mask Bibletalk

Q: What were some of the costumes you wore for Halloween? Anyone wear any masks?

Talk about The Mask, and how whenever Jim Carey put it on, he transformed into someone completely different.

GIVE THEM MASKS

But people wear masks more than just on Halloween:

Masks of coolness - nothing ruffles them

Masks of the jokester - never gets deep or serious

Mask of the Macho - a continual sense of bravado

Mask of niceness - covering a heart of bitterness

Mask of the intellectual - never stoops down to mere mundane thoughts

Mask of confidence - trying to cover up their insecurities

Q: Why do people wear masks?

To cover up who they really are

Fear of being rejected

To put up a facade to other people

John 3:19-21

Q: According to the Bible, why do people cover up?

Fear of evil deeds being exposed. aka sin

Q: Is there something in your life that you are currently covering up?

Let's take a minute to think about it. Think of what mask you're putting on in your life....That mask now represents whatever you're covering up in life.

Now i know this is heavy stuff, but i promise i'm not trying to scare you! i just want us to be real with ourselves here

Q: Okay i mean, honestly. Raise your hand if you've lived a perfect life.

We're all in the same boat here! We can all relate on some level.

Q: What should we do to rid ourselves of these masks?

And it always seems like God has an answer for whatever problem we have...

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

God shows us the answer, and that is to turn to Him!

He wants to help us unmask ourselves, and get rid of the shame or the guilt or the insecurities that we have.

Have them take off their mask, and look at the mask, which is whatever you were covering up. And RIP IT.

God wants to show us what it really means to live a life where we don't hide behind masks, but live a free life the way he wants us to.

CHALLENGE:

Make a decision to remove the masks in your life. Be real with yourself and with other people. Make a decision to change your life and live the way God wants you to.