

Core Builders Series

Week 1 Outline

8.8.21

How We Talk: Face to Face

## Relational Authenticity in a Curated World: A Certificate of Genuineness

### I. Introduction

- A. How we talk: face to face communication as the body of Christ. We can have relational authenticity even as we live in a curated world!

### II. A Certificate of Genuineness - who wants to spend on something that is fake?

- A. Our world has lost it, but the body of Christ is called to fight for it.
- B. Relationships of our world are often counterfeit, but the Church can look different because of Jesus.
  - a. While the world is curated to look a certain way but truly is corrupt, invalid, falsified, and ungenuine.
  - b. What if the body looked differently? We get to live authentically with each other and our relationships can be legitimate, pure, reliable, and genuine.

### III. A Vision From Jesus Himself

- A. The only reason we have a vision for authentic relationships amidst a world that puts on a show is because Jesus demonstrated this for us.
- B. Mark 5:21-43
  - a. Jesus is interruptible
  - b. Jesus is intentional
  - c. Jesus is authentic

### IV. Transformed Into Authentic or Conformed Into Curated?

Romans 12:1-2 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

- A. It is a living sacrifice to live differently than the world does; be transformed into authentic rather than conformed to curated.
- B. If people knew the real me...
- C. Is there anything worth doing that doesn't involve a risk? Living out our faith is simple, but it is not always easy.

### V. Different Is a Good Thing

- A. When we choose authentic relationship, to be real people sharing real life, over the counterfeit interaction of the world, we engage in fellowship.
- B. When we choose to live differently the world takes notice.
- C. Are we selling out for the falsified good life of the world and missing out on the authentic real life Jesus offers?

## **VI. How Do We Do It?**

- A. Romans 12:10-13

With one another:

1. Be joyful in hope
2. Be patient in affliction
3. Be faithful in prayer

## **VII. Closing thoughts**

- A. As the body of Christ, we need to receive our certificate of genuineness from Jesus in our relationships. Do not conform to curated, but be transformed by authentic.
- B. May we be the real body of Christ: real authentic people, sharing the real life of Jesus, in the real world around us.