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Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*It's time for the Great Minnesota Get Together...
what's your favorite food to enjoy when eaten
from a stick or other flimsy paper holder
(such as the Cheese Curds 'boat')?*

1. When I stand in front of God and am brutally honest, I must admit that...
2. Saul made same "poor decisions" that resulted in his removal as king in [1 Samuel 15:1-23](#). What are some ways you see yourself in Saul's actions and reactions, but more importantly, how can you respond with honesty as God brings them to your attention?
3. David (in [2 Samuel 11](#)) made a series of really bad decisions that resulted in an "affair", a baby, and murder by war. What surprises you about this coming from someone described as "...a man after God's own heart."? What are some areas in which you need to step up your integrity?
4. When we are honest, we all make compromises which lead us to places we never intended. What can you learn from David's example which will enable you to live a life of obedience to God's direction?
5. What do you feel as you read [Psalm 51](#)? How does this differ from David in [2 Samuel 11](#)? Which of those verses are ones that you need to pray for yourself?
6. What step will you take this week towards becoming who God has made you to be?

Day One: [Mark 4](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 32](#)

Day Three: [1 Corinthians 16](#)

Day Four: [1 Peter 5](#)

Day Five: [Job 32](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

PERSONAL GUIDE



RIVERSIDE CHURCH



Your story matters.

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**HONESTLY...
I'M NOT THE PERSON
EVERYONE THINKS I AM**

"Honestly..."

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“HONESTLY... I'M NOT THE PERSON EVERYONE THINKS I AM”

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"Honestly..." is a word that we either use for confrontation by venting our opinions, or for connection by being proactively truthful.

- Even when we try to "be real" we can still look for _____.
- "I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there." ([1 Chronicles 29:17a](#))

What's different between what you're known for and who you are?

It's a difficult and vulnerable (yet _____) thing to stand in front of God, others, and even the mirror, and be honest.

It's one thing to admit "I am a _____"...

it's another thing to admit, "I am a _____."

Saul ([1 Samuel 15:1-23](#))

v.1-3a: Honestly... how often do I hijack God's correction on others to score on my own personal _____?

v.7-9: Honestly... in what ways do I make _____ to God's clear commands (and why do I assume it's reasonable)?

v.10-11: Honestly... when I see others who stray, do I _____?

v. 12-15: Honestly... how might I _____ dilute to _____?

v.19-21: Honestly... what's up with my "_____ " argument?

v.22: Honestly... what am I tempted to give God _____ what He asks?

v.23 Honestly... will I admit that my rebellion is the _____ God calls it?

David ([2 Samuel 11](#))

v.1-4: Honestly... what compromises do I see as _____ entitlements? (See [Deuteronomy 17:17](#))

v.5-9, 13-15: Honestly... how does not getting _____ actually _____ me?

v.26-27: Honestly... when do I move on _____ moving on?

The Difference

- [2 Samuel 12:13-14](#): Honestly... will I or won't I be _____?
- [Psalm 51:1-3, 10](#): Honestly... what if I openly _____ my _____?
- [Acts 13:22](#): Honestly... who or what am I "_____ "?

Honestly...

- After the gap is revealed, what will you do _____?
 - You can stress by losing _____.
 - You can sidestep by using _____.
 - You can strengthen by using _____.
- Thankfully, the smallest expression of God's love is exponentially greater than your largest expression of sin... but that's a _____ you get to _____.
- It's not about spending your life saying " _____ " to _____.
- It's about spending your life saying ' _____ ' to _____.

Don't miss this:

What is your _____ confession, reconciliation or restitution?

Who will lovingly and candidly help you be _____?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital* or hard copy).

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"Honestly..." is a word that we either use for confrontation by venting our opinions, or for connection by being proactively truthful.

- Even when we try to "be real" we can still look for loopholes.
- "I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there." ([1 Chronicles 29:17a](#))

What's different between what you're known for and who you are?

It's a difficult and vulnerable (yet freeing) thing to stand in front of God, others, and even the mirror, and be honest.

It's one thing to admit "I am a human"...

it's another thing to admit, "I am a hypocrite."

Saul ([1 Samuel 15:1-3a, 7-23](#))

v.1-3a: Honestly... how often do I hijack God's correction on others to score on my own personal quests?

v.7-9: Honestly... in what ways do I make changes to God's clear commands (and why do I assume it's reasonable)?

v.10-11: Honestly... when I see others who stray, do I weep?

v. 12-15: Honestly... how might I cheerfully dilute to deceive?

v.19-21: Honestly... what's up with my "round two" argument?

v.22: Honestly... what am I tempted to give God instead of what He asks?

v.23 Honestly... will I admit that my rebellion is the evil God calls it?

David ([2 Samuel 11](#))

v.1-4: Honestly... what compromises do I see as cultural entitlements? (See [Deuteronomy 17:17](#))

v.5-9, 13-15: Honestly... how does not getting caught actually ensnare me?

v.26-27: Honestly... when do I move on without moving on?

The Difference

- [2 Samuel 12:13-14](#): Honestly... will I or won't I be teachable?
- [Psalm 51:1-3, 10](#): Honestly... what if I openly own my sin?
- [Acts 13:22](#): Honestly... who or what am I "after"?

Honestly...

- After the gap is revealed, what will you do next?
 - You can stress by losing perfection.
 - You can sidestep by using deflection.
 - You can strengthen by using reflection.
- Thankfully, the smallest expression of God's love is exponentially greater than your largest expression of sin... and that's a gift you get to receive.
- It's not about spending your life saying "no" to sin.
- It's about spending your life saying 'YES!' to Jesus.

Don't miss this:

What is your unfinished confession, reconciliation or restitution?

Who will lovingly and candidly help you be fully faithful?

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