

UNMASKING THE MASQUERADERS

2 Corinthians 11:5-15

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the needs of their unique group.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Who is your favorite mask-wearing character from the movies? Why?
- Turn this sheet over to see how well your group does at unmasking some famous masqueraders.
- Why do superheroes and super villains wear masks?
- Why do “regular” people sometimes wear figurative masks? Do you ever do this? When and why?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

Intro:

A. Read 2 Corinthians 11:5-15

- B. In his message, Pastor Pat uncovered **Four Masks that Satan Wears**. What is your one thing from Sunday? What stuck out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new way of thinking)?

#1 - The Mask of Vocabulary

A. Read 2 Corinthians 11:4, Titus 1:16, and 1 John 2:4

- B. Satan and his followers use the same vocabulary that Christians use, but with different definitions. How would you define these important words from the Bible? *Gospel, Salvation, Heaven, Hell, Grace, Forgiveness*.
- C. What are some biblical concepts that false teachers might not talk about? Why?

#2 - The Mask of a Form of Righteousness

A. Read 2 Timothy 3:5 and Matthew 23:23

- B. What does it mean to have a “form” of righteousness instead of genuine righteousness? How can you tell the difference?
- C. What are some “forms” of righteousness that we might see often in our culture? Which of these do you personally struggle with?

#3 - The Mask of Humility

A. Read Matthew 7:15-18 and James 4:6

- B. Proud people rarely repent. Without naming names, have you ever met someone who doesn't ever think he/she is wrong? How does it feel to have a conversation with this person?
- C. If you're comfortable sharing, talk about the last time you humbly repented to someone. Why did you need to repent? What happened as a result of that conversation?

#4 - The Mask of Scripture

A. Read 2 Peter 3:16, Matthew 4:5-6, and 2 Timothy 2:15

- B. Respond to this statement by D.L. Moody: *The greatest tragedy of this day is Christians who are trafficking in unlivd truth.*
- C. How is Saylorville Church intentionally helping you know and live out the truths of the Bible?
- D. How is your Cell Group intentionally helping you know and live out the truths of the Bible?
- E. What is your personal strategy to help yourself know and live out the truths of the Bible?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will be transparent and genuine as you grow to know and live out the truths of the Bible.

Jesus knows who you are behind the mask and He still loves you.



Unmask These Famous Masqueraders

Identify the masks and the famous characters they belong to.



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H

Answers:

A - Ironman, B - Batman, C - Darth Vader, D - Spiderman, E - Guy Fawkes, F - Storm Trooper, G - The Phantom of the Opera, H - Zorro