



Week Three | Look Out | 08.14-15.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Sometimes, it's easy to make judgments about others and then use those judgments to ignore them or make unfair assumptions. However, unless we take the time to truly get to know someone's story, we can never understand where they're coming from, and the masks we put on others from our judgments or assumptions cause us to label people or groups of people without ever knowing them.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations.
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What are some of the masks that are easy to put on groups of people?
- Digging Deeper: What groups or individuals might you be putting a mask on proactively without actually getting to know them?

» Observation | Read Proverbs 3:27-30; 10:11-12; 11:12, 17; 24-25; 15:1, 28; 22:8-9

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Masks you put on others always seem to fit.

(12 minutes)

- Solomon has this interesting perspective on how we treat others. It's counterintuitive that when we help others, it helps us and when we hurt others, it hurts us. When have you ever experienced that reality in your life?

» Unmasking Your Relationships | Reread Proverbs 3:27-30; 11:12

(12 minutes)

- What are the masks you put on others that make it difficult for you to be in a relationship with them?

» Unmasking Your Resources | Reread Proverbs 11:24,25; 22:8,9

(12 minutes)

- Describe a time that God has called you to be generous with others and how God used that in your life too.

» Unmasking Your Responses | Reread Proverbs 10:11-12; 11:17; 15:1; 15:28

(12 minutes)

- Restraint and patience are the things that characterize wise people in conflict with others. What can you do to increase your restrained and patient response in relationships with others?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Who or what do you let offend you? What steps can you take to release yourself and allow God to help you lead with love?
- Close by praying for each other to really see people without the masks that we put on them and loving them well.