



Reality Check: Life on Life | April 19, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

Our life experience is not typically full of perfectly aligned events or lack of struggle and difficulty, but sometimes our conversations around faith are just that. When we read the bible, it's full of human struggle...real life struggle like you and I.

Key Verse

Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Discussion

Our normal everyday lives are not simple, clean, or lacking of difficulty. However, the life we put out there is often perfectly polished. Whether it's social media or faith driving this need for pretty and perfect, it's not reality.

1. Share some areas in your life where you try to have it all together or feel the need to have it all together.
2. Get in the habit of sharing highs and lows with friends and family: What is the best part of your week? What is the worst part of your week?

In our Reality Check series we are going to take look at what it's like to be more authentic in our everyday faith lives. When we always paint a perfect picture of our life with God, we make him inaccessible to those who's life doesn't fit perfectly. Humans crave authenticity and yet we often give them an inauthentic faith to the extent that they no longer have interest in faith.

3. What struggles would you say God has helped you overcome?
4. What are some examples of times Jesus helped and loved imperfect people?

Galatians 6:2 instructs us to share each other's burdens. This is what it looks like to live life on life with others. Carolyn Lynn Curtis says, "The Bible is not a Disney movie but an earth shaking existential confrontation of the deepest issues in a fallen world and the HOPE that is Jesus." Jesus asks us to walk along side each other in both good and bad...the highs and the lows.

5. In what ways have you been able to share burden's with another or have someone else share yours?
6. In what ways have you been able to celebrate with others or have someone else share in your success?

What's Next?

Being a Christ-follower means recognizing the brokenness in a fallen world and yet bringing HOPE of Jesus in the brokenness not using Jesus like a magic wand to make it all go away. This week, look for opportunities to share life with people...have a drink, share a meal, or call a friend.

Consider joining us in our initiative to have more people engaging each other in faith conversations by starting a group or inviting others to your existing group.