

Real People

We are . . .

Real _____

_____ a real _____

Making a real _____

"Real People" → _____

1. What does this mean?

- _____, not _____
(Luke 18:9-14, Matthew 23:1-36)

2. How do we do this?

- _____ and _____ God's grace
and love

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: When did you start attending Risen King? What were some of the first things you noticed about our church?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday? In what ways did you encounter His Presence?

How would someone's behavior be affected if they:

- Have a false understanding of their identity?
- Don't have any sense of their identity?
- Have a good understanding of who they really are?

As a church, what would happen if we:

- All had different ideas of who are as a church?
- All operated from a common understanding of our identity?

On Sunday, Pastor Tim introduced an identity statement for Risen King: "We are 'real people encountering a real God making a real difference.'" What are your overall impressions or thoughts about that statement?

- In what ways does it resonate with your experience and understanding of who we are as a church?

The "real people" part of that statement highlights our value of authenticity. What do you understand that to mean, and how have you seen that lived out at Risen King?

One way the Bible gets at this idea of authenticity is through the concept of humility. Read Luke 18:9-14. Based on the example Jesus gives here, what does it mean to be humble?

- How easy or difficult do you find this to be in your life? Why?

Look over Matthew 23. What are some of the criticisms Jesus has of the hypocritical (inauthentic) Pharisees? What would it look like for us to be and do the opposite?

How can we pray for one another?