



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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Life Together  
Acts 20**THINK & SHARE** Questions to get your group talking

When you were young, who did you pretend to be? What was appealing about “being” that person/character?

The phrase “you need to love yourself more” is problematic. What problems are there with the concept of self-love?

**STUDY & DISCUSS** Questions that invite you to dig deeper into the week’s material & your own life

A. Sin is more than outward behavior; it’s an internal heart issue. How is sin the state of being consumed with yourself? In what subtle ways do people express this?

B. Pretending was cute when you were young. Why does pretending now that you are anything other than what you are make a mockery of the gospel?

Sin is the inability to be your authentic self before others and God.  
Søren Kierkegaard (paraphrase)

C. Being honest and authentic with other believers and letting them speak truth into your life is hard. We aren’t able to do it without the gospel. Pastor Josh said that apart from the gospel, we are on a spectrum somewhere between pride (*I’m good enough, and you can be too if you’re more like me*) and despair (*I’ll never be good enough, and I can’t be helpful to others*).

Would you say that you fall more on the proud side of the spectrum or the despairing side when it comes to honesty?

What are some of the concerns you have that make it difficult for you to move toward authenticity and openness?

D. The Christian life is not meant to be viewed from the sidelines! The gospel beckons us to get on the field with others and fight together for their good, our good, and God’s glory. Passivity in Christianity isn’t sitting still; how is it actually moving backwards?



