

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION

CLEAR THE STAGE: WEEK 1

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

What is your favorite acting performance in a movie or show? What is it about this performance that you appreciate so much? In your opinion, what makes someone a good actor/actress?

In what ways does modern-day life feel like living on a stage? What are some areas of life where we are tempted to pretend like we have it all together? In which area of life is this most tempting for you? What kind of effects does this performative culture have on our faith?

Read Matthew 23:25-28. What did Jesus accuse the Pharisees of doing? What was so dangerous about the way they were posturing and pretending? Why do you think they got so far off track? What are some ways we can keep ourselves from falling into these same traps?

Read Psalm 32:1-11. How did David describe his mindset before confessing his sin? Why does holding onto our sin affect us in this way? How have you experienced this in your own life? What difference does confession/repentance make? Given how freeing it is, why do we wrestle so much against the discipline of confession?

Reflecting on his own story, Matt Robison said, "Everything I tried to fix got worse." Why do our own efforts in trying to fix our sin always fall short? How have you experienced this in your own life? How does engaging in confession/community better equip us to walk out of our sin and shame?

When is the last time you practiced the discipline of confession? Has that ever been a part of your routine? What are some steps you can take to begin to make it a part of your spiritual walk? Who are some trusted people you can talk with? As a group, pray that God would help each of you to begin the process of incorporating this practice into your life.