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Go Deep

“This Is Real”

The Spirituality of Virtual reality

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(Pick one of the following discussion questions to start your study)

1. *What daily activities do you do in front of a mirror?*

How would these tasks have a different result if you didn't do them in front of a mirror?

2. *How often do you buy/read The National Enquirer or another one of the gossip magazines?*

Have you been guilty of believing “fake news”?

We're talking about what's real and what's fake and how to tell the difference.

Read Matthew 7:12-24

How does Jesus spot a fake?

Does His criteria surprise you?

Read James 1:22 and Luke 6:46

What words do you think are referred to?

Read James 1:17

What is the significance of James' use of the word “every”? What does this verse say about the “generous acts” of non-Christian groups?

Read James 1:18

What is the “word of truth (reality)” that brings us a new life, a new way of living?

Read James 1:19-20

What tone is implied by these words?

What is it we must understand?

Why the emphasis on listening more and talking less?

Is anger ever right?

Read James 1:21

What does it mean that the “implanted word has the power to save your souls”?

Does the fact that “save” can also mean “heal” change your understanding?

How does James we are to approach Jesus' words?

Read James 1:22-27

What does God want us to see when we look at ourselves in the mirror?

How does James 2:8 help us understand the “perfect law, the law of liberty”?

When we look at ourselves and then look at the love of James 2:8, do we...

look alike?

see no resemblance at all?

see some similarities but areas that need some work?

Based on this passage, how would you tell the difference between a “real” Christ-follower and a “fake” Christ-follower?