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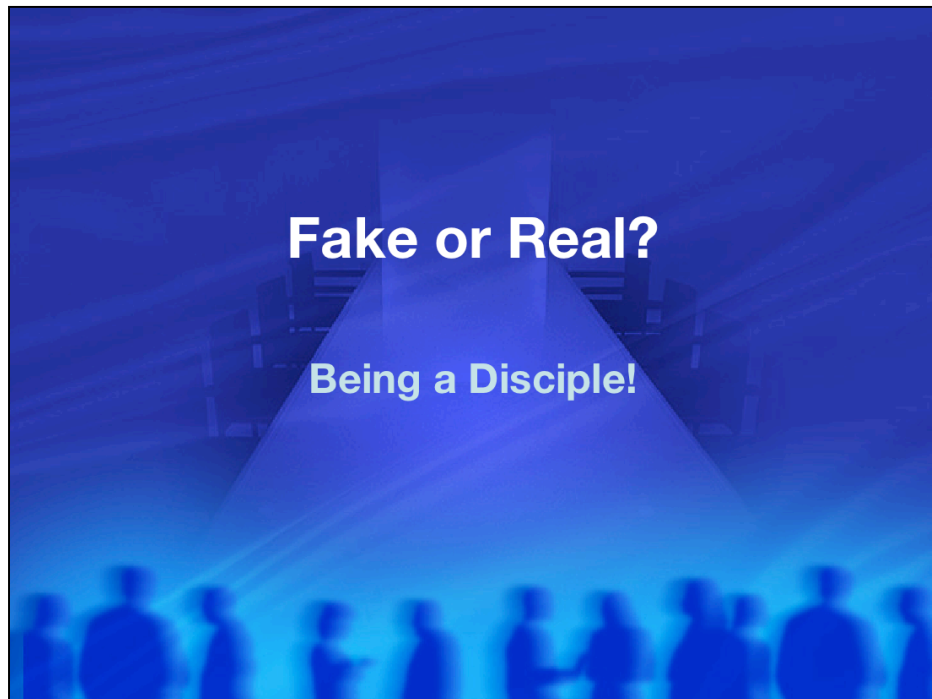
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If I asked you who is the person that you most respect... who would that person be?

Have you ever had anyone who you looked up to someone who really let you down? Someone who you thought.. I would like to be like that person.. But after you discovered what they are really like, you wonder if all they were all about is fake?

Often this happens to a lot of people when they have put a lot into a leader that they are following and especially with leaders in the church it then often forms their excuse.. "If he/she is like that then this God stuff can't for me.. They are hypocrites."

I often wonder at this point if it is easier to make a statement like this when you are not growing with God personally, you have relied on others for your 'kicks' from God, and so when they fail so it makes it for a good excuse.

Story about my Dad..... Not someone I respected until he died

Mentors, Roles Models, Stars or Disciples?

- ▣ We like to follow stars
- ▣ We should be walkers on the journey together with each other.. Stop having stars

We are media junkies, and stars are one of the main ingredients of the mix we are often fed. We love the success, and we love gossiping about the failures that hit our stars

A recent survey looked at who we respect and look up to in New Zealand. It was interesting that none of the names were those from current generations.. They all come from further back in the past.. People like Sir Edmund Hillary. When faced with a survey we tend to be a bit more realistic in who would be best to respect and whose values we would like to see in our lives. Do we have a generation of “stars” who we honour in one way but really see are not genuine enough to be respected.

This is our call, to be disciples, to grow together, be friends and love each other into growth with Jesus and see the world changed one life at a time.

Jesus Disciples!

- ▣ He called a number of individuals, each personally
- ▣ The disciples were together as a group
- ▣ The disciples encouraged each other and held each other accountable
- ▣ He set them a vision to make other disciples

Jesus picked an interesting bunch to be his disciples. Most were just ordinary workers like you and me, some like Matthew the tax collector were even seen as the “enemy” by many. But Jesus chose to walk His life on earth with this bunch because he knew they would change the world. Sure they got scared, sure they hid in the upper room until the Holy spirit came on them, but at the end of the day I think Jesus chose them because He knew they were real and willing to have a go to learn together. And after he was resurrected they are the reason we are here today, billions of believers later and 2000 years later we are the called disciples for the future.

Jesus has made that same call on us. Get with a group that will hold you accountable, help you to be real, be open and honest, ask questions, step out learn and support and learn to love each other in a way that will make disciples. What is that group for you? Your youth group, a discipleship group or do you need to step up to see the start of something new in your church that we see true disciples?

Disciple Ingredients

- ▣ Willing to follow
- ▣ Willing to leave things behind
- ▣ Seeing a bigger purpose for your life
- ▣ Seeing that the person, Jesus is so worth following

ACT1v8 = ACTivate

Paraphrase the slide.

Basically to end up, Jesus asked the disciples if they wanted to follow, he formed them into a group that grew together, shared together and were challenged together and he gave them a mission “Acts 1:8 which comes from the name of our service Activate.

What is the next step for you as a Jesus disciple? Jesus took people from all places, they weren’t sure who they were, what potential they had, often had doubts that Jesus was really God’s son and gave up at times on Him... but he still called them and they changed the world.