



-The Four Selves-

Ice-Breakers:

- Think back to a time when you hid your real identity and pretended to be somebody you were not. Why did you do that and how did it work out?

Questions:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-6, 10-13, and answer these questions...

- In what way does Paul let others think him a fool for Christ? (Public self)
- What is Paul's view of himself? (Private self)
- Whom does Paul allow to judge him? (Real self)
- What needs to happen in order to judge people correctly?
- This judgment is not about eternal life or damnation, so what is it about? (Glory self)

2. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18

- Why are those appearing before God unveiled?
- How are they being transformed?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 4:6,18; 5:2; 8:1

- What does it mean to be 'puffed up'?
- What is Paul antidote for being 'puffed up'?

4. Read Psalm 19:12

- Why is it a fallacy to think we truly know ourselves?
- Why do we need forgiveness even for things we do not know about ourselves?

Application:

What steps might you take (with the Holy Spirit's help) to succeed in each of the following areas...?

- Die to the Public Self (who people think I am).
- Reveal the Private Self (who I think I am).
- Discover your Real Self (who God knows me to be).
- Desire the Glory Self above all else (who God wants you to become).