

WAH Part 2-The Poser

Objective

The aim of this week is a little tougher. It is about coming to terms with the 'poser' in our life. Many of us will not even recognise we have been posing. Everybody poses. It is like saying 'I have no sin'. Everyone does.

Opening.

If some of us still do not have a clear understanding of what a 'poser' is, we are going to watch a clip from the movie 'Ground Hog Day'. Bill Murray plays the part of a self-centred weatherman named Phil Connors who gets trapped in a sort of time warp on Ground hog Day. He's forced to live the same day over and over again. We pick up the movie in Ch. 18 46:10 where he is trying to crack onto the producer of the newscast in a bar. You will see how he is exposed!

Now lets watch part 2 titled "The Poser".

Roll the video

Again this is an example for us to follow. It will be somewhat hard for any of us to admit to the poser in us. Let's watch it first and then go from there.

Take a coffee break and then talk about the video.

Let's give everyone time to talk about the poser in their life if they wish to do so. It is not compulsory. To admit to posing can be like stepping backwards off the 100ft cliff that John and his friends did. Until we have come face to face with the poser in us, we cannot become the men God has called us to become

Let's start with Adam. Genesis 3:1-10. Adam was with Eve but he failed to speak up and take action.

- a) Can you think of a situation where do you fail to speak up or take action?

This then leads to Adam going into hiding because he is afraid. He hid behind his 'fig leaf'. We hide behind our 'fig leaf' which is 'the poser', being our false personality. It can be a brilliant disguise.

- b) In hearing what Bart, Gary and Craig said, can you suggest what you hide behind?

When I was in my late 20's I hid behind having a sports car, now I just have one because I like them. Later it was being funny at parties. Next it was becoming a marathon runner. Next it was being a successful builder and having a company. You see it's all about our false self image. Now I just want to be who God wants me to be...but at times the 'poser' still comes out.

Over to you guys:

If you cannot put words to the question of posing, is it because of fear. John said "the poser is created out of fear." For instance, prior to commencing this program, I have felt inadequate in leading a group again. The fear that you may find out something about me I am hiding.

- a) Are you afraid this group may find out something about you
- b) What is each of us afraid of confronting? It is likely something in your marriage.
Confronting your teenagers about lifestyle. Standing up at work for truth?
- c) This leads directly to the question: Do I have what it takes?
- d) How do you see yourself as a man? Put some words to it.
- e) How do you think others see you? Put some words to it.

John said "God is calling every man to come out of hiding. To face our fears and walk with him in

true strength. This coming week think about, and write down to share, where God is calling you out of hiding and what cliffs do you need to step off?

Close

1. We are all sons of Adam but we have all been called to be sons of God. To be sons of God we need to get past the poser.
2. Every man shares the same question and cannot avoid facing it: Have I got what it takes?
3. The poser is created by the fear that we do not have what it takes. The poser is in the way. There is no moving forward in our journey until we are honest about the way we have been hiding, faking our way through life.
4. We will not discover the real strength and weight of our lives until we leave the poser behind.

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