

Wednesday Bible Study: The Good Place

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Opening Prayer


Episode Overview: Best Self

In this episode, the humans and Michael disguise themselves with fake identities ("Rhonda," "Diana," "Jake," and "Trent") to sneak through the Bad Place's Museum of Human Misery and reach the Judge. The plan goes sideways when Eleanor is tempted to speak up against injustice. Ultimately, the group's true selves begin to emerge under pressure, revealing both their growth and ongoing flaws.

Discussion Questions:

Theme 1: The Masks We Wear

The team wears literal disguises to hide from judgment. They pretend to be something they're not to survive in a hostile environment.

 Colossians 3:9–10 – *“Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self... and have put on the new self.”*

Biblical Reflection:


Like the characters, we're often tempted to present a filtered, “safe” version of ourselves—to others, to God, even to ourselves. But the Bible calls us to take off the false self and live in the freedom of the truth.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some ways you hide your true self in daily life?
- How does our faith and understanding of Jesus invite us to live truthfully before God and others?

Theme 2: Choosing Truth Over Safety

Eleanor sees how the Bad Place is mocking human suffering—and can't stay silent, even though it risks the mission.

 John 8:32 – *“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

Biblical Reflection:


Speaking the truth can be risky. Jesus often challenged religious hypocrisy and cultural injustice, even when it made people uncomfortable. Eleanor's outburst, though messy, reflects a growing conscience—she's no longer okay with passivity.

Discussion Questions:

- When have you felt called to speak truth, even when it was difficult?
- How do we balance courage and wisdom when confronting injustice?

Theme 3: The Power of Fear—and Freedom from It

The group's behavior is often driven by fear: fear of being caught, of being rejected, of messing up. Yet, their growth comes when they begin to act out of *conviction*, not just fear.

 **2 Timothy 1:7** – “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

Biblical Reflection:


God's Spirit leads us not into fear, but into *freedom*. The Christian life is not about survival or hiding—it's about stepping into the light and letting God transform us into people of love and courage.

Discussion Questions:

- How does fear hold you back in your spiritual life?
- What does it look like to live with “power, love, and self-control”?

Theme 4: Identity Transformation

The disguises in this episode are not just physical—they represent who the characters used to be: liars, manipulators, cowards. But these new situations reveal how far they've come, even if they're still a work in progress.

 **2 Corinthians 5:17** – “If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Biblical Reflection:

In Christ, we are given a new identity—not based on our past, but on His grace. Transformation doesn't mean we're perfect, but that we're learning to live out who God says we are.

Discussion Questions:

- How has God been reshaping your identity?
 - What “old self” are you learning to leave behind?
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 **Reflection:**

This episode challenges us to examine who we *pretend* to be, who we *really* are, and who we're *becoming*. In the gospel, we find that our truest self is not the mask we wear or the mistakes we've made—but the person we are being remade to be in Christ.

 **Closing Prayer:**

God, help me take off the masks I wear and walk in the truth of who You say I am. Give me courage to speak truth, even when it costs me. Transform my fears into love, and help me grow into the person you've created me to be. Amen.
