



Counterfeit — Week #1: “Masculinity”

CONNECT: What is one chore you absolutely hate doing? (mowing the grass, cleaning, laundry, etc.)

GROW:

1. Have you ever seen or held something that was counterfeit? What made it stand out or recognizably fake?
2. What are some misconceptions you grew up hearing when it comes to being *masculine*? What are some misconceptions of masculinity in our culture today?
3. **Read Genesis 1:27** - God has made a clear distinction between males and females since the beginning of creation. What are some ways you have seen our world moving towards a *genderless* society? How have you seen this have a negative impact specifically as it relates to men?
4. Reflect on each archetype discussed in the sermon. What male figures in your life come to mind as you think about each one? How do they embody these attributes well? (*See archetypes below*)
 - a. The Gardener (We Grow), The Hunter (We Provide), The Warrior (We Protect), The King (We Lead), The Priest (We Restore), The Prophet (We Lead)
5. Jon touched on how even though our culture highlights *charisma*, God ultimately blesses *character*. How would you explain the difference between these two words?
6. **Read 2 Kings 23:25** as “Never had there been a _____ like _____ who turned to the Lord with all their heart.” What would it look like if we inserted our own name and occupation into this verse? What are practical ways we can turn to the Lord this week?

PRAY: Take a moment to pray specifically for husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, or other male leaders that you know. Pray for them to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus and to embrace the responsibilities God has entrusted them with.

NEXT: Think of at least one way to encourage the men in your life as they follow Jesus.