



Wonder

Wonder is the inspirational story of Auggie Pullman that shows us what it looks like to overcome fear and grow through challenges. Auggie was born with severe facial deformities and the need to endure dozens of surgeries throughout the years to help him to breathe, to eat, to hear and to try to help him look a little more ordinary as well.

Ice Breaker

Talk about a movie that you have seen recently that has impacted you in a positive way.

Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message? Was there a scripture, principle, or action step that has stuck with you?

Discussion

Auggie has grown comfortable wearing a mask to protect himself from rejection and reaction from others. What fears or struggles in your life have you hiding behind a mask?

If you are comfortable, share any personal experience you have with being bullied as a child or an adult.

Spend a minute in silence, asking God if there is a person or group of people that you may be bullying with attitudes or actions that are less than loving. Share with the group what you can do to change the way you see that person or group of people.

Scripture

Read Psalm 139:7-16

When he went to school for the first time, Auggie's Dad told him, "You're gonna feel alone, but you're not."

Auggie's mom encouraged him by saying, "We all have marks on our face. This (heart) is the map that shows us where we are going. And this (face) is the map that shows us where we've been. And it's never, ever ugly."

God created you from the very beginning of your life for a purpose and He thinks you are wonderful!

How does this passage make you feel about God? How does it change the way you see yourself?

Who are the people in your life, who inspire you and cheer you on like Auggie's mom and dad? This week, text them or email them, telling them how meaningful they are to you.

Read 2 Timothy 1:7

When we struggle to believe that we are wonderfully made, fear can become a stop sign for the plans God has for our lives. What is something you have been letting fear keep you from doing? Try to identify a step of faith you can take this week in that area.

Application

Affirm someone in your life who may be feeling less than wonderfully made. Share one of this week's verses that might encourage them.

Spend time praying and journaling about how you may see yourself differently than God sees you. Pray that God's truth would take hold in your heart and your self-image.

Pray