

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of October 14

### One Great People of God--*Masks*

**Our Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15**

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is your earliest memory?

Where do you most hope to visit?

#### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Andrei Rublev's famous icon, "Trinity" (Also called "The Hospitality of Abraham") is a visual depiction of this week's preaching text. How does this icon illuminate this week's preaching text (Genesis 18:1-15)? What about this icon strikes you? If you were to make a picture of this week's story, how might you do it differently than Rublev?

<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/0b/Angelsatmamre-trinity-rublev-1410.jpg>

2. This Sunday Kevin suggested we can find God in our neighbor's story and in our neighbor's face. Compare this with what Jesus says in Matthew 25:31-46. Read this passage individually, underlining at least two words or phrases that emphasize (or complicate) what Kevin preached. Discuss why you chose those words or phrases with your group.

#### MEDIA MIX - "The Last Viewing"

Watch this video from StoryCorps

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLiV2FWTJg>

How might this story relate to this week's preaching text? This week's sermon?  
How did this story strike you?

### **TAKING IT HOME**

1. Are there any places where you tend to wear a mask? Any places where you feel like you can more easily be yourself?
2. Are there any people you struggle to see God in? How might you be able to practice seeing God in them (beneath the masks they may wear)?

### **PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME**

Think of someone in your life who you struggle to see God in that you could pray for. What could you pray about for this person? After conversation use this phrase to guide your prayer petitions;

God, beneath the masks they may wear, \_\_\_\_\_ is a beloved child of yours. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_. Amen.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

1. Who is bringing treats next week?
2. Might your group do a service project together?