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Spaghetti on the First Date Discussion Guide

We understand almost intuitively that certain places are more appropriate to share who we are than others. The checker in the grocery store, for instance, doesn't need to hear our life story. But somehow along the way, Church became a place we don't share who we really are. Those we worship with and minister along side became people with whom we only share our Sunday Best. But if we want true community, we must be authentic. So when you gather with others, are you yourself, or are you trying to be someone else?

Scripture for Further Reading

Genesis 18:1-33; Genesis 27; John 3:19-21;

Questions for Discussion:

1. What were the consequences of Jacob's choice to deceive his father?
2. What are the consequences for us when we choose not to be fully ourselves with our community?
3. When, if ever, is it appropriate not to share your whole Self? When does hiding your whole Self cause harm?
4. Why is it so hard for us to be ourselves around others?
5. What does it mean to be authentic in a small group setting? What does it not mean?

