**Session 1: Real Community**

**Intro:**

Hi I’m \_\_\_\_

Over the next 7 sessions we’ll hear teachings from pastors and testimonies from people in all walks of life.

Everyone craves authenticity. We want what’s real. We don’t want hype or flash, fake or imitation anything. In the weeks ahead we’re gonna GET REAL as we look at the book of Philippians.

Even though this letter was written nearly 2000 years ago… it’s still relevant to us today. It’s Real. we’ll talk about Real Community, Real Life, Real Ambition, Real Work, Real Confidence, Real Winning and Real Joy! Pastor Michael starts us out by helping us think about Real Community and the Real You…

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today

Finding the Real You is really all about finding your identity in Real Community. Real Community has Jesus Christ at the center! God’s grace covers us… we share it together… it binds us and creates us as his people. God has begun a good work in you and your community of faith. That’s the Real You. ….We’ll see you next time…

**Session 2: Real Life**

**Intro:**

Hi everyone, welcome back!

Last session we talked a lot about Real Community and the Real You. This session we continue to Get Real and talk about Real Life. Everyone wants a full life. A life with purpose and meaning. How do we get that? What does it mean to really live? Who should we live for? Trevor helps us wrestle with these questions and points us to Real Life in the book of Philippians.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today.

The World has a bunch of cliché’s about life… and they don’t match up with our experience. Living only to please our self never satisfies. Real Life is Christ! As St. Paul says… To Live is Christ! Real Life means focusing not on ourselves but on Christ and His work in us now… and for eternity! Now it’s time to open your bibles with your group and discover what God’s truth is and how he wants us to live the Real Life.

**Session 3: Real Ambition**

**Intro:**

Hi and welcome back…

We continue to think about Getting Real as we dig into the Book of Philippians. In our culture today, Ambition is often praised as a virtue. Ambition always has a direction and an end in mind. Where that ambition is pointed is very important. Pastor Tim helps unpack one of the most talked about passages in Philippians and helps us to get Real as we think about Real Ambition.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today.

Too often selfish ambition defines us. It’s part of our culture… it’s part of our brokenness. In fact sometimes we even use good things like the community we have in Christ to serve our selfish ambitions. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus wasn’t filled with selfish ambition or vain conceit. Christ defines Real Ambition when he gave himself up for us. Jesus calls us as His redeemed people to follow his example and invest in others emotionally, spiritually, sacrificially and yes even financially. That’s Real Ambition.

**Session 4: Real Work**

**Intro:**

Hi Everyone,

We continue to journey through the book of Philippians and Get Real. Reality is that we all have to work. What role does work play in your life? How much of your identity is found in your work? How much of your happiness is based on how well you do your work? Trevor helps us think differently about the realities of Work and God’s Work in and through our lives.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things to think about.

It’s not bad to work. But letting our lives be defined by our jobs or careers can be harmful. As God’s children, the first place we look to is God’s Work. God’s Spirit lives in us and He works in us powerfully. That’s Real Work. His call upon our lives to do His work is humbling and freeing. Whether you work in business, or with your hands, whether your work is at home or on a construction site… wherever, whenever, however you work… God calls you to shine like a star… to reflect His light and His work in your life. Now it’s time to dig into God’s word to discuss and learn how He wants us to live out Real Work throughout our lives.

**Session 5: Real Confidence**

**Intro:**

Hey Everyone, Welcome back…

I hope your study of the book of Philippians has helped you grow together in God’s powerful Word. In this session we tackle the idea of confidence. Our culture loves confidence and teaches that the more confidence you have in yourself the more successful you will be… Pastor Bob helps us see St. Paul’s take on Confidence… Real Confidence.

**Outro:**

Our world often cloaks arrogance, pride and cockiness under the guise of “Confidence.” Have you ever been overly confident in yourself? Or have you found it freeing to base your confidence in Christ? St. Paul gets real and honest with us and teaches us that Real Confidence… lasting confidence… effective confidence can’t be found in ourselves. Real Confidence is found in Christ… We’ll see you next time…

**Session 6: Real Winning**

**Intro:**

Hi, Welcome back.

Do you like to win or do you like to lose? If you’re honest… you’d admit that you like to win. No one likes to lose. But what does it mean to win? Win what? We often associate winning with sports… like running a race. In order to win… you’ve got to reach the finish line… Pastor Nathan unpacks some things in Philippians that help us think about winning… winning from the world’s perspective versus winning from God’s perspective… Real Winning.

**Outro:**

What’s your goal? What race are you running? What finish line do you have in your sights? For us Christians… our ultimate goal… the real finish line… Real Winning… is when Jesus comes again to restore all creation… when we rise again and live forever restored. When that reality guides us… we run the race differently here and now. God’s blessings to you as you dig deeper into the book of Philippians. We’ll see you next time…

**Session 7: Real Joy**

**Intro:**

Hey Everyone,

We’re in our final session of our journey through Philippians. As we consider the last verses of this powerful letter from Paul to the Philippians it’s important for us to recognize how relevant this letter has been for us. We all appreciate authenticity… we all want to get real. The word of God is Real and has helped us think honestly over the past 6 sessions about Real Community, Real Life, Real Ambition, Real Work, Real Confidence and Real Winning. In this session Pastor Michael wraps up the study and helps us think about Real Joy.

**Outro:**

The Grace of God allows us to experience real Joy not matter what life brings. The Philippians saw that in Paul’s life. He knew that in the end God always wins and that God can use even the toughest of situations to accomplish His work. God is working in your life… let that reality bring you Joy. Back in our first session we started out looking at Philippians 1:6. “…he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” God has begun a good work in your small group, in your community of faith, in your church, in your life together. He will continue to be with you as you grow together in His Word. That brings Real Joy….Thanks for watching…