

MIND THE GAP

 NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
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THE INTEGRITY GAP
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Integrity is who you are when no one is looking...

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James 1:22-25 (NLT)

- _____ quickly
- Choose the _____ right over the _____ wrong
- Model _____ and _____

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- **Choose the HARD right over the EASY wrong**
- **Model GRACE and TRUTH**



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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CONNECT

Have you ever experienced a time when someone's words didn't match their actions? How did it affect your trust in them?

ENGAGE

What was your biggest learning from the weekend's message about paying attention to the gap in your integrity?

GROW

- Why do you think private integrity is often harder to maintain than public integrity?
- What are some "hidden cracks" in our character that might not show right away but eventually cause collapse?
- How can accountability relationships help us maintain the same character in private as we display in public?
- Can you share a time when someone's faithfulness to their word impacted your faith or trust in God?
- What's one verse, truth, or command from the message you feel God is calling you to live out this week in a visible way?
- Which of the three points—being consistent in private, keeping your word, or living the Word—do you feel God is pressing on your heart most right now, and what's one step you can take this week to close that gap?

CHALLENGE

"Mind the Gap" isn't meant to shame us — it's meant to save us from danger. It reminds us to pay attention.

That gap in your integrity between what you say and what you live is where your credibility can be lost; It's where your witness for Christ can be weakened; and it's where trust can be broken. But the good news is — you don't have to close that gap alone.

Jesus is ready to help you today. The Holy Spirit is the ultimate "gap-closer," who transforms our hearts so that our words and actions come into alignment. God's Word - the Bible - renews our minds and guides our lives.

Never forget this: Your life should be the strongest sermon you ever preach. And you cannot do that if you lack integrity.