Barriers: Hypocrisy

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Use the following as a starting point for conversation:

- This week's barrier is hypocrisy in the church. Has that ever been a barrier for you? In what way?
- 2. Have you ever been the hypocrite who acted as a barrier for someone else? What would people say you believe if they only had your actions to go on?
- 3. Read 1 Peter 1:14-16 and Philippians 2:15 aloud. What are the reasons these passages give us for being holy? Do these things usually act as motivators for you? Do you pursue holiness in all areas of your life?
- 4. Read Galatians 5:22-25 aloud. We see here the kind of fruit that should be evident in our lives. Do you see this fruit in your life coming from the Spirit? Or have you become skilled at faking it and producing plastic fruit?
- 5. Read John 15:4-5 aloud. The only way to produce real fruit is to be rooted in Christ. How do you abide in Christ? What specific steps would you like to take this week to grow in spiritual discipline and abide more in Christ?
- 6. Do you know anyone who's currently struggling with the barrier of hypocrisy? How will you go about trying to have a conversation with them about it and share what you've learned this week?