

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



April 23, 2023 - "True Self" #2 in the series God on Film

Texts Referenced: 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 NIV

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. In the film *Hook*, one of the "Lost Boys" doubting the true identity of grown-up Peter Pan finds Peter's smile and exclaims, "Oh, there you are, Peter!"
 - What happened to the boy and Peter in this moment of recognition?
 - Do you believe people change over time or essentially remain the same?
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 3:16-17.**
 - What prompts us to "mask" or "veil" our true selves from others?
 - Why is it sometimes difficult to accept our unique true selves?
4. Author and Spiritual Formation Coach R. Thomas Ashbrook's *Mansions of the Heart* explains that we sometimes work hard at creating an image out of fear that people won't like us, and we may even be afraid to see ourselves as we are.
 - Where do you think these fears come from?
 - What are some good resources for support to help us understand and accept our true selves?
5. **Read 2 Corinthians 3:18.**
 - What do you think it means to be "transformed into His image with everlasting glory"?
 - How can we encourage an acceptance of the true self in our church community?
6. How can we pray for you?