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Not All Masked Men Are Superheroes

It's been a big year for masks. No matter where you live, what was once reserved for Halloween or hospitals is now a daily and sometimes hourly accessory. Heaven help you if you leave home without one! Men know all about masks--just not the kind made out of fabric. We wear masks of virtue and strength to hide our fears and frailties. We wear masks of confidence to shield those in our care from uncertainty and doubt. We wear masks of piety to keep judgment at bay. And yet, like a heat-seeking missile, the grace of God targets our unmasked selves. It ushers us into the light of forgiveness, and therefore honesty, that we might experience the love of Jesus--and our Christian brothers--afresh. Join us for a weekend of comparing masks and looking together at how the Gospel burrows beneath them in tireless pursuit of freedom.

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