

Home Group Questions: The idol of appearance.

- “People look at the outward, God looks at the heart”. In what sorts of situations might this verse spring to your mind or might you have found yourself quoting that?
- In what ways might outward appearance become a more significant part of our identity than who we are in God?
- In what ways might physical appearance impact how welcome someone is in a church community? Where might this be true of KPC?
- Can you think of an example where someone’s position appears to be more important than their character?
- In what ways can it be true that churches judge on position as a part of outward appearance rather than looking at the heart / character? In what ways might this be the case within KPC?
- Have you ever found yourself taking on the ‘fake it til you make it approach’? When? Why?
- If, as Christians, we should strive for authenticity, how does the “performance” element of appearance get in the way of that authenticity?
- What impact do you think this “performance” element of appearance can / does have on the spiritual life of a church community? Where do you see it impacting the KPC community?
- If God looks at things differently, what is he really looking for from us?
- What can we do to start to try and look at things more like God does, how we can try to look more at the inward and not the outward?