



Custom Made
November 15, 2020
Colossians 3:9-11 (MSG)

Connect:

- Have you ever been fitted for a custom made outfit? How was the experience? What was the occasion? How did it feel to wear something crafted just-so to fit you perfectly?

Engage

- Read *Colossians 3:9-11 (MSG)*. If possible, read from The Message version of this passage. Of these three verses, which one stands out to you most? Why?
- Paul opens with the blunt word, “*Don’t lie to one another.*” Lying is exhausting whether overtly or by means of portraying an image to the world that is not true of your authentic self. Why has society created such pressure in this regard? Why do we conform?
- As Paul seeks to shed labels of every kind, he says, “*From now on, everyone is defined by Christ; everyone is included in Christ.*” What does this mean to you? Does the Church universal do a good job of operating with such understanding? Why or why not?
- Describe a moment in your life when something happened and it changed your entire outlook on life. How does this feed into living a transparent, vulnerable life with others?
- Someone described having a couple of dozen friends in their life who are struggling right now with Church in particular. Is Church just a box to be checked or does it offer something transformative in their lives? What is the call of the Church in this time, and beyond, to help people address these important seasons of wrestling? What could Broadway do to help?

Next Steps:

- Spend some focused time with yourself this week in a way you haven’t in a while. Do something that has always brought a song to your soul. Remember why that speaks truth to the core of who you are. You are custom made. Don’t be afraid to be you.

Pray:

- “*As we move from this sacred time, let us put on the armor of God: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals that bring the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the spirit. Wearing the strength of God, we go in peace. Amen.*”