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## Small Group Lesson 2 | One More: Nobody

**Main Idea:** Nobody is perfect in the Kingdom of God and Pathway Church.

**Main Scripture:** Luke 18:9-14

### Get Connected:

1. Where or when or how do you most feel connected to God?
2. What does it mean to “be real” with others?

### In the Word:

Read Luke 18:9-14

1. How did the two characters in the parable see themselves?

Read Hebrews 4: 14-16

1. How is humility an integral part of being genuinely empathetic? (Refer to video notes if needed)
2. Read the Velveteen Rabbit excerpt : What can we learn about being real from this story?

"What is REAL?" asked the Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room. "Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

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**Apply:**

1. If we know that nobody is perfect, why is it still difficult to be real and show our imperfections?
2. What is your commitment to God like right now, and what is your primary take away from the two passages we just read?

**Pray:** Ask everyone to pray silently, spending a moment being real with God. Share with God your struggles and your need for him. Have one person close your prayer time by thanking God for becoming human so that he can empathize with us.