

Life Group Discussion Guide - February 4th 2018

Pride At It's Core

This week at Redeem, we began a new series dealing with the faces of pride and the fruit of humility. In our life group we will seek to better understand the origins of that which God opposes the most, while seeking to let the Holy Spirit lovingly reveal the presence of pride in our own hearts in order to experience Christ in a greater capacity.

We tend to remember the origins of sin tracing back to that catastrophic first bite of forbidden fruit when our great grandmother Eve sank her teeth into the worst decision ever made in history followed by Grandpa Adam doing the same.

Actually the very first sin on record traces back to the Angel Lucifer, who is now known as Satan. He was a beautiful, gifted and powerful angel who was given a great position of authority in heaven.

The following passage sheds light on Lucifers sin:

Read Aloud - Isaiah 14:12-14 *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'*

Q? What stands out to you about the nature and motive of Lucifers sin? What is at the center of it all?

Discuss: _____

Q? Do you agree or not with the following statement? "At the core of every sin is pride and at the core of pride is self") Discuss your thoughts on this idea _____

Lets look at the the Founder & Father of of pride and examine which tactics he used to entice Eve into the first sin committed by a human.

Read Aloud - Genesis 3:1-6

Q? Do you recognize a similarity between the nature and motive of Lucifer in the previous passage from Isaiah 14 and the sales pitch of the serpent here in Genesis 3? What is similar? Discuss _____

Q? How are you and I tempted in the same way the Serpent tempted Eve? How does it translate to our context? Discuss: _____

Q? What was the Serpents motive in getting mankind to rebel against God in pride? Why did he care how man related or responded to God? Discuss:_____

Read Aloud - Proverbs 16:5 Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

Q? Why is God so harsh and hostile toward the sin of pride?_____

Read Aloud- Isaiah 66:2 This is the LORD's declaration. I will look favorably on this kind of person: one who is humble, submissive in spirit, and trembles at My word.

Q? What stands out to you in this passage? Can you see that as much as God hates pride, he loves humility? Discuss:_____

Close by taking time to pray and confess any pride you sense the Holy Spirit brought to mind during this discussion.