

Life Group Discussion Guide - February 11th 2018
Various Faces Of Pride

Sundays sermon entered into exposing some of the various ways pride disguises or demonstrates itself. As we aim to embrace a life rooted in humility, we must invite Jesus to root out the pride that stands in the way.

In our group today we will look at 3 faces of pride.

Face Of Pride #1. Complaining And Passing Judgment On God

A proud person in a difficult situation thinks, "Look what God has done to me after all I have done for Him"

Read Aloud - Numbers 13:25-33 (The 12 Spies Checking Out The Land)

Before we jump on the 10 complainers in this passage, imagine putting yourself in this situation.

Q? Naturally (Not spiritually) what were they up against and how prepared were they to tackle it?

Q? What kind of worries would run through your own head if you were contemplating the idea of bringing your wife, kids, grandmother and pets into a clearly difficult mission? **Explain:** _____

Read Aloud - Numbers 14:1-4

Q? From this passage, how would the grumbling & complaining of the people against God, Moses & Aaron be considered "PRIDE"? _____

Do you notice that in our attempts to live by "Faith" in a world filled with "Facts" we all have 12 spies debating in our heads & hearts?

Q? Can you point to an example in your own life where inconvenient or intimidating "Facts" tempted you to complain and turn away from "Faith". **Explain:** _____

Read Aloud - Romans 9:20: **But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?**

Q? What stands out to you in this smack down passage? How might it confront an attitude of pride lurking in our hearts? **Discuss:** _____

Face Of Pride #2. An Overall Lack Of Gratitude

Read Aloud These 3 Passages Back To Back To Back:

2 Chronicles 32:24-25 *In those days Hezekiah became sick to the point of death, so he prayed to the LORD, and He spoke to him and gave him a miraculous sign. However, because his heart was proud, Hezekiah didn't respond according to the benefit that had come to him. So there was wrath on him, Judah, and Jerusalem.*

Romans 1:21 *For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened."*

Deuteronomy 32:18 *"You neglected the Rock who begot you, And forgot the God who gave you birth.*

Q? How is the absence of thanksgiving and gratitude a form of "PRIDE"? Discuss: _____

Q? How does one become more grateful? Which area of your life is gratitude weak or absent? Discuss: _____

Face Of Pride #3. Anger

Read Aloud - Matthew 20:1-16

Q? Put yourself in the shoes of the laborer who worked the longest day. Do you agree or sympathize with his anger? Why or why not? Explain: _____

Q? Why would this worker be considered prideful? Explain: _____

TAKE IT TO JESUS - CLOSING - PRAYER & REPENTANCE

INSTRUCTIONS: (AS YOU CLOSE YOUR GROUP)

1. Take time to pray, listen & ask the Lord to search your heart. Let the Holy Spirit bring to light any of the faces of pride we just discussed. (Complaining - Ingratitude - Anger)
2. After we have given some time to listen. Begin to pray out in confession & repentance over anything the Lord brought to mind.
3. Finally pray that the Lord would replace that which he revealed