

**Life Group Discussion Guide -
February 18th 2018
More Faces Of Pride**

In week 3, we will look at a few more areas the face of pride shows itself in our lives & the remedy of humility God wants us to know not just intellectually but as a daily reality in the expression of our thoughts, beliefs, words and actions.

#4. INFLATED SELF IMPORTANCE

A proud person can have a very strong perception of themselves while at the same time a low view of others who don't measure up to their best sides.

Read Aloud - (Luke 7:36-50)

Q? What stands out to you in this passage? Describe the pride you see on display: _____

Q? What factors may contribute to a person developing the kind of attitudes we see demonstrated in the passage you read? _____

Q? How have you seen this inflated self importance manifest in your life or in others? _____

Read Aloud - 1 Corinthians 4:7 *For what gives you the right to make such a judgment? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?*

Q? Why might the truth in this passage be difficult to believe or remember in an ongoing basis? Discuss: _____

#5. SELF PITY

Q? How would you define self pity & how would it be considered pride? _____

Read Aloud - 1 Corinthians 12:14-25

Q? Where do you see self pity spotlighted in this passage? _____

Q? What are ways that we reflect the pride of self pity seen in this passage? _____

The following highlights Elijah's fear of Jezebel, his sulking & self pity:

1 Kings 19:14 *Elijah said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."...*

(Gods Reply) **1 Kings 19:16 & 18** *anoint Jehu grandson of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from the town of Abel-meholah to replace you as my prophet.... Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel--all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."*

Q? From this passage, where do you see the pride of self pity & what lessons can we learn from Gods response to Elijah? _____

#6. PERFECTIONISM

Read Aloud - Matthew 23:24-28

Q? How do we see the prideful heart of perfectionism in this passage? What traits of perfectionism do you notice here? _____

Q? In your opinion, where is the line between excellence & perfectionism?? Discuss: _____

TAKE IT TO JESUS - CLOSING - PRAYER & REPENTANCE

INSTRUCTIONS:

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.
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 with His character. Ask the Lord to stir a greater desire for humility.