

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE -
MARCH 11TH 2018
FACES OF PRIDE #'S 10 & 11

In today's discussion we will seek to further expose & defeat pride through a greater commitment to embracing a life of humility. Remember that these studies are not to heap condemnation or shame, they are meant to break us free to walk in greater measures of God's love & purpose for our lives.

#10 FACE OF PRIDE - PEOPLE PLEASING

In 1 Samuel 15 God gives clear instructions to King Saul regarding the Amalekites - "Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys."

Saul completes the mission in part but keeps the best of the plunder instead of destroying it. We pick up in verse 10. Let's look at the seemingly justifiable reasons & painful consequences of people pleasing.

Read 1 Samuel 15:10-35 Aloud In your group.....

Q? Do you recognize more than one instance in which King Saul is manifesting his people pleasing? What was his motive in each example? _____

Q? How would people pleasing be considered a form of pride? _____

Q? Do you think the prophet Samuel wrestled with the pressure to please man over pleasing God. How might we relate? (Hint - see verses 10, 25-26, 30 & 35 if you don't remember from the reading)

Q? What are some of symptoms or characteristics of people pleasing?

Read Galatians 1:6-10 Aloud in your group

Q? Why do you think Paul pulled no punches with these believers in Galatia & what was he risking by speaking so boldly to them _____

Q? What is the cure to people pleasing? _____

#11 FACE OF PRIDE - AN UNTEACHABLE SPIRIT

Quote: "The unteachable man is sentenced to being taught only by experience. The tragedy is he reaches nothing further than his own pain."

Q? In your own words, what is this quote communicating? Can you relate?

Read the following proverbs aloud in your group:

Proverbs 9:8 Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.

Proverbs 27:6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

Q? What caught your attention from these proverbs? Did one stand out above the others? Explain:

Q? What are the CONSEQUENCES of being unteachable & the BENEFITS of being teachable? How have you learned these personally? Discuss...

Close your group by praying about & confessing any of these forms of pride that may be present in our lives.