

Series: Respectable Sins

Sermon: Pride

Primary Text: Luke 18:9-14

Book chapters: 11, 17

Discussion Guide:

- What is pride?
- Read James 4:6 and/or 1 Peter 5:5.
 - Why do you think God “opposes” the proud?
 - How do you think God opposes the proud?
- Read Luke 18:9-14.
 - In verse 9 what are the two defining characteristics of those who Jesus is telling this parable for?
 - What does it mean to “trust in themselves that they were righteous”?
 - Do you see this in your own life? How?
 - What does it mean to look on others with contempt?
 - Do you feel contempt for people?
 - Who? Why?
- Bridges talks about the pride of moral superiority.
 - What is this?
 - Who do you feel morally superior too?
 - Bridges presents two solutions:
 - “There but the grace of God I go.”
 - What does this mean?
 - “Identify before God with the sinful society we live in.” (see Ezra 9:6)
 - What does this mean?
- The pride of correct doctrine.
 - What is this?
 - Are there other denominations or doctrinal beliefs that cause you to feel contempt for their believers? Why? Or why not?
 - Can one be arrogant in their belief that doctrine doesn’t matter?
 - As a solution Bridges suggests remembering that you could be wrong.
 - Is this hard?
 - Why is it important?
 - How do you know when you shouldn’t compromise?
- The pride of achievement.
 - What is this?
 - What achievements are you proud of?
 - Bridges suggests that gratitude is the solution to this.
 - How would this work?
- The pride of an independent spirit.
 - What is this?
 - Are you guilty of this? Explain.

- Bridges suggests fostering a teachable attitude will help here.
 - What is a teachable attitude?
 - How does it keep us humble?
 - How can we foster it?