

# GATHRING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **Why Do I Do What I Don't Want To Do?** TITLE: **Overcoming Pride**

BIG IDEA: The vice of PRIDE causes me to have a low view of God and high view of myself, but the virtue of humility calls me to follow the example of Christ.

## BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read **Romans 7:15-20**

How can you relate to Paul's struggle of not doing what he should do, and

doing the things that he shouldn't do?

Romans 7 points to the idea that "sin creeps in." In what areas of your life have you noticed this happening? How can we become more aware of sin's subtle influence?

Why does Paul say "nothing good dwells in me" and this is the reason that he can't do what he desires to do?

Read **Proverbs 8:3/ 11:2**

What does it say about God's view of those who are full of pride? Why do you think God views Pride this way?

How is humility the opposite of pride? What are the benefits of living of a humble life?

Read **Philippians 2:3-8**

In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to put others' interests before your own?

What actions or attitudes does Paul encourage? How can we practically apply these to our daily lives?

## GROWING IN CHRIST

What aspects of Jesus' life demonstrate humility, and how can we practically emulate His example in our daily lives?

What area of your life do you struggle with pride? How can the example of Jesus and virtue of humility help you in that area?

## LIVING AS A FAMILY

How does the concept of 'thinking of yourself less' rather than 'thinking less of yourself' change your understanding of humility, especially dealing with Church family?

How has someone's humility blessed you? What do you admire about those men and women who model humility well in the local church?

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

How can the church better exemplify humility in its interactions with the world, and what might be the impact of doing so?

How does the church's pride turn people off the hearing the Good News? How can you live out the virtue of humility in order to share the Gospel?