

Group Discussion Guide

Week of July 18, 2021

Pride vs. Humility 2 Kings 5

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Who is a person you have known personally who displays humility?
- What is it about that person that shows you they are humble?
- Are there any characteristics they display that you would like to emulate?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

Pride leads to destruction, whereas humility leads to grace, healing, and blessing.

THE WORD/DIGGING DEEPER

Read – Ezekiel 28:16-17

- What does God point out as the thing that caused Satan to be cast out of heaven?
- How would you describe someone who has a heart full of pride?

Read – Proverbs 16:18

- Do you see this verse as a stern command or a loving warning?
- How can pride lead to destruction?
- What specific areas of your life do you find yourself struggling with pride?

Read – 2 Corinthians 2:11

- What does this verse say is Satan's goal?
- How does this verse say we can protect ourselves from Satan's goal?

Read – Jeremiah 8:4-6

- In what ways could these same things be said about our current culture?

Read – 2 Chronicles 7:14

- Who does God consider responsible for change in the culture?
- How does God say this change can take place?
- How is blaming others for our problems more prideful than humble?
- Since pride will tell us, we are not prideful, then how can we find out if we truly struggle with pride?

Read – 2 Kings 5:1-14

- Why was Naaman so furious?
- What would have happened if Naaman continued to walk away in a rage?
- What do you think motivated Naaman's servants to tell him what they did?
- Share a time you got upset because things didn't go the way you wanted?
- How can that feeling of being upset, be a result of pride?
- How do you think humility deals with things not going the way you want?
- Like Naaman, can you share a time when you were being prideful, someone called you on it, you changed your behavior, and you were blessed?

Read – Matthew 6:14

- How is it prideful to refuse to forgive people who have sinned against us?

Read – James 4:16

- What is one of the great blessings of humility?

TAKING IT HOME

- What makes it hard to lay down our pride?
- What makes it easier to be humble?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS