

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to abide in Jesus according to verse 4-5? What will it produce? Why?
2. According to verse 7, what does it mean to abide in Jesus' words? How does that apply to your life?
3. According to verses 8-10, what does it mean to abide in Jesus' love? How is that done, and how does that apply to your life today?
4. Read verses 14-15, what does God promise to do for his friends (see also John 14:21)?

C.S. Lewis said, "Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man . . . It was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind." And, "It is the comparison that makes you proud: the pleasure of being above the rest. Once the element of competition has gone, pride has gone." (Mere Christianity)

5. Read James 3:14-16. What are the implications and results of pride in our lives?
6. Read Matthew 15:18-19. In what way do our words reveal what's in our heart? What does pride sound like?
7. According to Proverbs 11:2, 13:10, 16:18, 29:23 and James 4:6, why would God not allow us to reach our destiny when there is pride in our heart?
8. According to Philippians 2:3-8, how should we deal with pride in our lives? How then should you view that person in your life that you tend to look down upon (see also Genesis 1:26-27)?

9. According to Mark 10:41-45, how did Jesus say we should deal with pride in our lives?

10. According to Philippians 3:3-15, how should we deal with insecurity that can lead to pride?

Moving Forward

1. If you do not have a dream in your heart, ask one or two people in the group to pray with you to ask God to reveal His dream for you this week.
2. Make a list of who and what you are apart from Christ according to Ephesians 2:1-3. Then make a list of who and what you are in Christ according to Ephesians 1:3-14. Review these lists each day this week.
3. List the things that you have and possess that you value the most. Read 1 Corinthians 4:7 and give thanks for each item on your list each day this week and see how that affects your heart and attitude.