



## PART ONE: PRIDE, ENVY, AND ANGER

Pride, envy, and anger are 3 spiders that can hold us back from God's best. Many of us walk through life trying to clean up the cobwebs and spider webs in our lives (outside appearance/symptoms) when the answer to wholeness is found in killing the spider. It's time to stop moving the mess and allowing the spiders to hold us back!

### **BIG IDEA: Hiding only hurts what God wants to heal.**

Spider = An agreement you have made with a lie

Cobweb = A "medication" that brings false comfort to a lie

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What sort of words come to mind when you hear the phrase kill the spider? Why?
2. What would your family say are things you need to work on? Hint: these are normally cobwebs.
3. Do you allow distractions or comparisons to keep you from identifying your spider?
4. With your Bible or Bible App, read James 1:13-15 and Galatians 5:19-21

*And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong,[c] and he never tempts anyone else. 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.*

*James 1:13-15 (NLT)*

*19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.*

*Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)*

5. What jumps out to you in those verses? How do the behaviors in Galatians 5:19-21 connect with pride, envy, and anger?
6. With your Bible or Bible App, read Galatians 5:22-26

*22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. 25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. 26 Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.*

7. Based on those verses, how does God help us to identify and kill our spiders?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Have you identified something you think might be a spider that keeps creating cobwebs in your life? If so, what is a tangible action step you can take this week to identify the spider, get alone with Jesus or surrender to His rescue? How can we as a group support each other this week as we choose to hunt down and kill the spiders that are holding us back?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. 22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. - James 1:21-22 (NLT)*

