



Killers of Faith - Part 2

Group Leader Guide

Opening Prayer

Begin your time together by inviting the Holy Spirit to soften hearts and guide your discussion. Ask God to reveal any areas of pride and to cultivate humility within the group.

Ice Breaker

Share a time when someone gave you correction or feedback that was hard to hear but ultimately helpful. How did you respond initially?

Video Message (Watch together)

Key Takeaways

1. The Holy Spirit is our helper, but being filled with the Holy Spirit is a choice we must make daily.
 2. Pride actively opposes God's work in our lives - God opposes the proud (James 4:6).
 3. Pride manifests in multiple ways: arrogance, unteachability, excuse-making, blame-shifting, and refusing to apologize.
 4. Religious pride is especially dangerous - it masks our pride behind spiritual activity while making us less sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
 5. Humility opens the door for the Holy Spirit to work freely in and through us.
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Discussion Questions

Understanding Pride

1. Why do you think pride is hard to see in ourselves?
2. Read James 4:6. What does it mean that God opposes the proud?
3. How is pride connected to being unteachable?

Pride's Characteristics

4. Which of these do you struggle with: correction, excuses, blame, apology, religious pride?
5. What does “thin skin with a thick heart” mean?
6. Why did Jesus confront religious pride?

The Holy Spirit and Faith

7. How does pride affect the Holy Spirit’s work in us?
8. How does pride impact faith?

Cultivating Humility

9. How can we humble ourselves practically?
10. What is the difference between humility and being a doormat?
11. Respond vs react — what’s the difference?

Personal Reflection

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal pride
- Identify people to apologize to
- Identify excuses and blame
- Take responsibility

Practical Applications

- Confession practice
- Apology assignment
- Ask for correction
- Serve in humility
- Daily prayer for guidance

Memory Verse

James 4:6 - God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

Closing Prayer (5-10 minutes)

- Soft hearts
- Holy Spirit filling
- Courage to humble ourselves
- Removal of religious pride
- Sensitivity to God

For Next Week

Where am I resisting the Holy Spirit?

Leader Notes

- Create a safe environment
- Avoid judgment
- Balance grace and truth
- Watch for religious pride