

1. Delight in the success of others

2. Start before you feel you're ready

E. Get ridiculously \_\_\_\_\_ with yourself (and God)

1. Check your motives constantly

2. Confess the slightest hint of selfishness

## Conclusion:

A. Imagine what it would be like if we were able, with God's help, to root \_\_\_\_\_ out of our lives.

1. We would have richer, fuller relationships

a. With ourselves

b. With others

c. With God

B. "It's so easy to spot pride in others. But people who spot it in themselves and cultivate humility develop a much richer, much more fulfilling life." Carey Nieuwhof

C. Think about Jesus instead of \_\_\_\_\_

1. "True humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less." C. S. Lewis

2. "How much larger your life would be if your self could become smaller in it." G. K. Chesterton

which they cannot see, and often pride is in our blind spots, toxic because it will destroy the things we care about and our hearts against God. Jesus invites us to open our eyes to the damage our pride is causing, and then bring the burden of awareness to him. Forgiven by Jesus, we cultivate a heart of humility and enjoy a rich and satisfying life with him.

**Core Idea:** Jesus has taken the burden of our sin away from us.

**Intro:** A run-in with a garbage truck

A. Blind spots

1. We all have a physical \_\_\_\_\_

2. We all have a \_\_\_\_\_ blind spots

a. The Johari Window Model

b. Positive blind spots

c. Negative blind spots – the most common  
negative blind spot is \_\_\_\_\_

B. Pride – being obsessed with ourselves

1. Self-\_\_\_\_\_ form of pride

2. \_\_\_\_\_ form of pride

3. "Unaddressed, pride will destroy many of the things  
you care about..." (Carey Nieuwhof)

2. Had plenty of opportunities to hear Jesus speak, see him do miracles and \_\_\_\_\_ from him but they didn't
3. Their hearts were \_\_\_\_\_ against God

#### B. Pride hardens your heart against God

1. The self-satisfied form of pride says, "I don't need God because I am self-\_\_\_\_\_."
2. The insecure form of pride says, "I don't need God, because he can't \_\_\_\_\_ me anyway."
3. So we go through life believing that
  - a. God's \_\_\_\_\_ and approval of me are not enough
  - b. That I need the \_\_\_\_\_ of other people
  - c. Because what they think matters more than what \_\_\_\_\_ thinks

## II. The Solution

- A. Stop, open our eyes and see the destruction our pride is causing us and others

1. Realizing the damage our pride is causing is a

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus took from us our burden of sin, guilt and carried it to the \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where he paid the full cost of forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_
2. The only burden Jesus lays on us is to \_\_\_\_\_ and receive

#### C. Because we are forgiven by Jesus,

1. we can use the awareness of the harm we caused as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to change who we are &
  - b. intentionally cultivate a humble \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Application – Ways to cultivate a humble heart

#### A. Never lose your \_\_\_\_\_

1. Express your thankfulness regularly
2. Fall more in love with the Giver than the
3. Never claim full credit for your story

#### B. Take the low \_\_\_\_\_

1. Intentionally take the less desirable role
2. When good things come to you, share the