

Connect Group Guide: "Pride The Silent Killer | 1 Peter 5"

**Passage: 1 Peter 5:5-6**

Supporting passages: Proverbs 13:10; Matt 16:21-23; Matt 17:4-5; John 13:5-10; Matt 26:33-35; John 18:10-11; John 21:18-22

Sermon Link: <https://youtu.be/qaQIWlrc1ul?si=AVisHLaft9Pj6UvD>

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- How has pride affected your relationship with God and others?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

-  Gentle Worship (live) | Alleluia | The Blood | Nothing but the Blood | Be Still

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- The Bible is filled with passages that state the dangers of pride. Why do you think pride is such a big issue to God?
- What causes us to become prideful?
- Have you ever had to deal with your own pride for the sake of saving a relationship? What led you to do that?

Read the following passages before answering the questions:

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- “Pride puts ourselves at the centre of our lives and is the complete anti-God state of mind.” Discuss this statement.
- Wisdom is found in those who take advice.
 - Can you think of a time where good advice helped you out of a tough situation?
 - How would it have gone if you were not humble enough to accept advice?

Pride leads us to a few things:

1. Pride lets you think you are better than God.

Peter thought he knew better than Jesus about God’s plan. Have you ever challenged God because your plan did not line up with His plan for your life?

2. Pride makes you talk before listening & understanding

Peter says “Never Lord”, before fully understanding.

Have you ever spoken too soon before listening because of pride? How does pride cause us not to trust God because we want all the information now?

3. Pride makes you take matters into your own hands and not trust God

Peter cut off the ear of the Roman soldier. How can pride lead us to take matters in our own hands and not trust God?

4. Pride always makes you compare yourself with other people

Peter says “but what about them, won’t they suffer too”? How does pride lead us to compare ourselves with others?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- In our own strength we cannot beat pride, we need the help of the Holy Spirit. How can you place your trust in Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to address areas of pride in your life?
- Who do you need to restore a relationship with because pride has come in the way. How can you ask God to help you mend that relationship?
- Every sin in your life begins with pride because it says 'my way instead of God's way'. Can you identify examples of this in your own life? How can you give them over to God in prayer right now?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray that we would learn to live in submission to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, that we may be reconciled with God and with others.

