

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does “greatness” look like to you? Have you ever been “great” at anything in your life? Please explain.
2. Read Luke 9:46-56. Why is toxic pride so antithetical to the Christian life? In what ways is pride toxic?
3. In verse 46, how do you think the disciples were gauging “greatness?” What do you think their argument stemmed from (Hint: look at Luke 9:28-43)?
4. How does Jesus respond to the disciples’ debate in verses 47-48? What were the implications for them (and to us) to “welcome a little child?”
5. How can a desire for position and prestige hinder our care for “the least of these?”
6. Read Luke 18:15-17. Did the disciples internalize the lesson Jesus taught them back in Luke 9? In what ways are we supposed to “receive the kingdom of God like a little child?”
7. Reread Luke 9:49-50. Why does John try to change the subject? What do you think his motivation was?
8. Does Jesus’ reply in verse 50 surprise you? Please explain.
9. How can we avoid toxic pride in relationship to others, yet remain biblically sound?
10. Reread Luke 9:51-54. In light of Jesus’ agenda, why was his entourage “not welcome?” How did James and John view the people’s lack of hospitality?
11. Reread Luke 9:55-56. Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples? How will you extend mercy to those you want revenge against?
12. Read James 4:10. What are some of the ways that we need to humble ourselves before God?
13. What is one step you can take this week to align your ambitions to Jesus’ heart?



### Toxic: Pride

Luke 9:46-56

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