

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who have you viewed as being “great” at something? How do you determine if someone is great?
2. Read Luke 9:43-45. Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, fed thousands of people and raised the dead. Jesus then told his disciples he would be delivered into the hands of men. Why would Jesus’ statement have confused the disciples?
3. Why did God keep the disciples from understanding what Jesus meant? When did you have trouble understanding something you were told repeatedly, then “got it” later?
4. Read Luke 9:46-48. How ridiculous is the idea that the disciples argued about who was the greatest while in the presence of Jesus? How is one’s ego, then and now, a stumbling block to spiritual growth?
5. What does Jesus mean by, “For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest” (v. 48)? How does a child illustrate the “least” principle?
6. Why is life more peaceful when you understand God is in control and you are not? How does that help curb your pride?
7. Read Luke 9:49-50. Are you surprised at Jesus’ response? What does Jesus’ reply to John teach us?
8. Read Philippians 1:15-18. What does this passage teach us? Do these verses imply that the character of the preacher or Christ-follower does not matter? Please explain.
9. Reflect on what you deserve and what you receive as a Christ-follower. How does reflecting on God’s gift of eternal life keep you from thinking and acting superior to others?
10. In the message, we were encouraged to repent of pride, praise God and compliment others in order to combat pride in our lives. How do these recommendations help us overcome a heart of pride?
11. What do you struggle with most in striving to impress others? What do you need to do to become more like the child Jesus mentioned in Luke 9:47-48?



Pride is the Ultimate Issue

Luke 9:43-50

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