



Sermon Discussion Questions - October 16 & 18, 2026
Matthew Part 4: Week 2
Matthew 13:53-14:12

Ice Breaker: *Derek preached for us this weekend about the destructiveness of pride.*

- **Q1:** Can you think of a funny or harmless time when being stubborn or wanting to be right got you into trouble?

Read Matthew 13:53-14:12 together. Pride can blind us to the truth and make us skeptical of what God is doing.

- **Q2:** When it comes to your spiritual life, where are you most likely to think, “I’ve got this,” or “I don’t need anyone telling me what to do”?
- **Q3:** Have you ever been so sure you were right that you missed what God was doing in your life or in someone else’s?

Derek also warned us that pride poisons our hearts and makes us cynical.

- **Q4:** When you see God working in someone else’s life, what’s your first reaction? Are you encouraged, curious, cynical, or tempted to compare yourself to them? What might that reveal about your heart?

- **Q5: Is there an area where you've become more negative or cynical lately? How could pride be contributing to that?**

Pride can also rob us of our joy and make us difficult people to be around.

- **Q6: If someone watched your life over the last week, would they say that you're a joyful person? Why or why not?**
- **Q7: Is there an area of your life where pride is robbing you of joy? What would it look like to confess that to God and surrender it to Him this week?**

Let's close with the question Derek shared on his final slide before we pray together.

- **Q8: Where are you allowing pride to keep you away from the life changing ways of Jesus? How might God be calling you to respond?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!