



Get Connected.....15 Minutes

Host Tip: Welcome new group members and provide a brief overview of session 1. Review last week's memory verse as well.

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. *Who are the original recipients of Jesus' Sermon on The Mount?*
2. *Why is humility sometimes frowned upon?*
3. *Can you recall an example when God blessed your humility?*

Memory Verse | Week 2:

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." James 4:10, NIV



Start Lesson.....20 Minutes

Host Tip: *Stream the lesson after the memory verse is read.*

Session 2: *Blessed Are The Humble*



Matthew 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.":

Humility Principle: God opposes the proud but he blessed the humble

Lesson outline:

1. _____ unhealthy habits

"He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else."— Luke 18:9 (Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector)

"And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you." Psalm 9:10 / ESV

2. _____ comparing myself to others

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee was standing and praying like this about himself: 'God, I thank you that I'm not like other people—greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.'
— Luke 18:10-11 / CSB (Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector)

3. _____ my focus onto God's mercy

'I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner!' " Luke 18:12-13 / CSB (Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector)

Psalm 34:18 / ESV, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

Psalm 51:1 / NLT, "Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins."

Psalm 51:17 / ESV, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

4. _____ God's favor upon humility

"I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other; because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

— Luke 18:14 / CSB (Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector)

Isaiah 66:2 / NIV says, "...These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word."



Closing Discussion & Prayer.....20 Minutes

Host Tip: *Take time to field prayer requests. You can designate someone to pray prior to the gathering or coordinate group prayer.*

Closing Discussion Questions:

1. Describe humility in one word:

2. Share why humility is essential in God's plan:

3. How can we represent the humble mindset of Christ?