

Small Group Discussion Questions



// Week of April 28, 2024

LEADER INFO

- Baptism! Text "Dunk" to 604-670-3040 to sign up for our May 19th Baptism

GROW This section is based on the sermon from Sunday. You can find it here: <https://www.southsidelife.com/>

ICE BREAKER What is one highlight from your week? One lowlight?

You Might Be Proud If...

"What if I need Jesus as badly today as I did back then?"

Read

Proverbs 3:34

The Lord resists the proud; but he gives grace to the humble.

Proverbs 11:2

Whoever derides their neighbour has no sense,
but the one who has understanding holds their tongue.

Proverbs 13:10

Where there is strife, there is pride,
but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Proverbs 28:26

If you think you know it all, you're a fool for sure;
real survivors learn wisdom from others.

Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

1. The Confirmation of Pride

- a. Read Proverbs 28:26 (above)
 - i. How could pride derail your pursuit of wisdom?
 - ii. How could humility unlock wisdom?

- b. Every one of us struggles with pride, to one degree or another. Let's go through 5 "You might be proud if..." statements to see which ones you relate to the most:
 - i. You compare yourself to others
 1. Can you relate? Explain.

- ii. You try to prove yourself (to find validation)
 - 1. This is less about comparing yourself and more about trying to prove to yourself that you matter. Doing things not because you love to do them, but because you think it will make you more valuable.
 - a. Can you relate? Discuss.

- iii. You forget that you don't save yourself
 - 1. The Bible calls this forgetting "the joy of your salvation"... forgetting that we are still imperfect humans who desperately need Jesus to correct us and lead us.
 - a. Discuss.

- iv. You think about yourself all the time
 - 1. You can't please everyone all the time. Things like "What do they think of me? Are they pleased with me? What did they say about me? Do they think I'm doing a good job?"
 - a. How is this prideful?
 - i. Can you relate?

- v. You can't take advice
 - 1. You find yourself defending and explaining yourself all the time.
 - a. Proud people don't win in the long term because they don't change.
 - i. Can you relate? Discuss.

2. The Cost of Pride

- a. The longer you spend in church, the more likely it is that you'll struggle with pride.
 - i. Why do you think that is?

- b. “Some people say they have 20 years experience when in reality, they have 1 year of experience repeated 20 times.” - Stephen Covey
 - i. Discuss what pride costs you

3. The Cure for Pride

- a. Let's discuss the 5 “You might be proud if...” statements through a new lens:
 - i. You compare yourself to others
 - 1. But what if Jesus saves? Then what happens to your need to compare?
 - a. 1 Samuel 16:7
 - i. Discuss
 - ii. You try to prove yourself (to find validation)
 - 1. What if Jesus saves? Then what happens to your need to prove yourself?
 - a. Read Psalm 37:4
 - i. Discuss
 - iii. You forget that you don't save yourself
 - 1. What if Jesus is the only one who saves?
 - a. Read Romans 3:23
 - b. Read Titus 3:5
 - i. Discuss
 - iv. You think about yourself all the time
 - 1. What if Jesus saves?
 - a. Hebrews 12:1-3
 - i. Discuss

- v. You can't take advice or you defend yourself often
 - 1. But what if Jesus saves?
 - a. Read Exodus 14:14
 - i. Discuss

Pray

- i. Pray against the ancient tricks of pride that everyone of us faces, in Jesus' name.