



GROUPSDISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK Jan 22–28

MAIN IDEA

The habit of pride.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

1. Take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week/holidays. High: What was your biggest highlight since we last met? Low: What was the low point during this time?
2. What scripture on anger did you meditate on last week? What did God reveal to you about the way you handle anger?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

What is your knee jerk reaction to someone who thinks they are better than others?

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 35 min

1. Read Romans 12:3. Pride is something we have all dealt with at some point. How would you define pride?
2. What reminder does Romans 12:3 give to help us navigate pride as it arises?
3. What do you view as being the opposite of pride? How is that lived out?

4. The three areas that we can focus on to break the habit of pride are: who is God, what does God say about me, and what does God say about others. Take some time to look up and share a scripture with the group that speaks into one of these three areas.
5. Read Romans 3:23-24. Who is Paul talking about in these verses? What do these verses reveal about God’s heart?
6. Read Philippians 2:3-4. The word ambition is used in a negative way in these verses. As you think of looking to the interest of others, how can ambition be used in a godly way?
7. What themes do you see between Romans 12:3 and Philippians 2:3-4? In what way should these themes motivate us to break the habit of pride?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 15 min

1. What were the three steps listed above that help break the habit of pride? Which of the three do you find easy to do? Which one(s) is the most difficult?
2. What are some practical steps you can take this week in breaking the habit of pride?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. Use one of the scriptures above to meditate on this week. Next week share with your group any areas God revealed to you where pride or feelings of superiority over others were present.
2. If you purchased the book, *Creatures of Habit* by Steve Poe, read chapter 3 on Excuses to prepare for next weekend’s sermon.