



## PRIDE

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### 3 Dangers of Pride:

- **Pride is Sneaky**
- **Pride poisons Joy**
- **Pride comes right before you fall**

### Introduction:

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step in your journey with God. Use as many as you need.

What did you find challenging/encouraging about Sunday's message?

Imagine being in a strange city without GPS to attend a job interview. How long would it probably take you to ask for help to find your interview? How about your spouse?

Based upon your experiences, how do you view pride? Is there good and bad pride?

In your opinion, what are some characteristics of a prideful person? What are some characteristics of a humble person?

Which of the two do you generally enjoy being around? Why?

**Other Scriptures: Matthew 23, Matthew 7:1-5, 1 Corinthians 8:1-3, Matthew 15:8-9, Psalm 20:7, 2 Corinthians 7:4**

**Read Proverbs 29:23** (in a couple of different versions)  
Talk about this verse a little.

### Read 1 Peter 5:5-8

What phrase(s) stand out to you in this passage?

What is the difference between God humbling you and you humbling yourself?

When you place yourself in a humble position and lean on God, He has a reason to lift you up. What are some ways you can place yourself in a humble position with God? (at home, at work, with friends)

What are the dangers of lifting up yourself?

### Read Matthew 5:3

Awareness of our natural position before God is necessary before He can do much else with us. What is the first beatitude in the Sermon on the Mount?

### Discuss the following statements...

Until we've developed, a humble spirit, we aren't going to be able to live out several of our core values:

- Living God's Way is Best
- We never stop Growing
- You can't do life Alone

And we won't feel the need to take our **next steps** in our Journey with God.

What are some ways you can **train** yourself in humility? Describe how you might design a humility training program for yourself. What could you change about your morning routine, your daily schedule, and your interactions with others?

What blocks humility from being exhibited in you more consistently?

Think through your training program for specific relationships (i.e. seek out an opportunity to listen to and ask advice from someone you think you are "better than"). Ask your ridge group to hold you accountable.