

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Is pride good or bad?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Luke 18:9-14.
 - a. Which man in the parable do you most identify with?
 - b. What are some things that may cause us to think like the Pharisee?
 - c. How can we be more like the tax collector?
3. Read Job 38:1-34
 - a. How does this passage make you feel?
 - b. Have you ever needed to hear God say these things to you?
 - c. Continue reading through chapter 39. Does this passage change your view of God?
4. Search in your Bible app or a concordance in a study Bible and find scripture that talks about pride
 - a. Is pridefulness only found in the Old Testament?
 - b. How does God feel about the prideful? (Hint: Proverbs 8:13, 16:5)

- c. Can you find any references to good pride? What are they, and why are they good?
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5. Read Psalm 139:23-24 and John 3:23-30
 - a. What can you do to drive out pride and humble yourself?

 - b. Can you do it on your own?

 - c. What do you need God to do in you?

 - d. Ask someone in your group or close to you to hold you accountable for your pride. Ask them on a regular basis if they see pride in you.

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Pride is the root of all sin.
 - The devil's lie is that "you will be like God".
 - Pride is thought of as an overabundance of self-esteem, but more often it is a cover or coping mechanism for low self-esteem and lack worthiness or value.
 - Pride is the Iron Man suit covering up the vulnerable and ineffective

- "Pride can be summarized as an attitude of self-sufficiency, self-importance, and self-exaltation in relation to God. Toward others, it is an attitude of contempt and indifference." - Thomas A. Tarrants, III
- The opposite of pride is humility. A realistic view of oneself compared to God.
- "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." - St. Augustine