

NOT MY KING



7-WEEK STUDY

ON SERVING JESUS INSTEAD OF
OUR EMOTIONS

WEEK 3

“IF JESUS IS MY KING,
THEN **PRIDE** IS NOT MY KING”

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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Luke 18:9-14

Secondary texts from this week: Daniel 4; Ephesians 2:8-9

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To recognize pride and submit it to King Jesus

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What is one award that you have received that are most proud of?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things that people often take pride in?
2. Where do you most often find yourself comparing yourself to others?
3. Pastor Doug talked about the subtle ways pride can sneak into our lives. Which of the following do you recognize in your own life?
 - ☐ I find myself criticizing and finding fault in others
 - ☐ I often focus on my appearance or my reputation
 - ☐ I tend to be defensive and touchy
 - ☐ I have trouble admitting when I'm wrong
 - ☐ I get frustrated when I'm not recognized for my efforts or achievements
 - ☐ As a parent, I find myself living vicariously through the achievements or behavior of my kids
4. Have someone read **1 Peter 5:5-9**. What do you think it means that "God opposes the proud?" What do you think is the connection between verses 8-9 and verses 5-6?
5. Have someone read **John 15:4-5**. What do you think the phrase, "apart from me you can do nothing" means? How might this passage help us deal with pride?
6. Have someone read **Philippians 2:3-11**. What do you think is the relationship between Christ's humility and his exaltation? Are the two mutually exclusive or complementary?
7. Have someone read **Ephesians 2:8-9**. How can this passage help us deal with pride?
8. Do you think pride is always a bad thing? Is it ok to take pride in our appearance, in our achievement, or in our kids? Why or why not? Share examples of what you consider good or bad pride.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

Action Step: Set an alarm every day to remind you to pause and read **Ephesians 2:8-9**. Take a moment to reflect on the gift of grace and then ask God for opportunities to respond with humility.

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