**TALK IT THROUGH**

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.  For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group’s goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

**Sermon 7-01-18 – Stay Humble**

* **Psalms 23:1-3**

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.

* **Psalms 119:105**

Your word is a Lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

* **Proverbs 16:18**

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

* **Proverbs 18:12**

Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.

* **James 4:6**

God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble.

* **1 Corinthians 13:4**

Love is never boastful or proud.

* **WHAT DOES PRIDE DO TO A BELIEVER?**
* **Proverbs 13:10**

Arrogance causes nothing but trouble.

* **1. IT PRODUCES DECEIVING MISTAKES**
* **Obadiah 1:3**

The pride of your own heart has deceived you.

* **Phillipians 2:3**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

* **2. PRIDE PREVENTS SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
* **Proverbs 27:17**

As iron sharpens iron so one person sharpens another.

* **Proverbs 26:12**

There is more hope for a fool than for a man who is wise in his own eyes.

* **Proverbs 10:17**

Anyone willing to be corrected is on the pathway to life. Anyone refusing has lost his chance.

* **3. PRIDE PREVENTS INTIMACY**
* **James 5:16**

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

* **WHAT IS THE ANTIDOTE TO PRIDE?**
* **1. ADMIT WHEN YOU ARE WRONG**
* **Ecclesiastes 7:20**

Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins.

* **2. RECOGNIZE GOD'S GRACE**
* **Acts 11:21-24**

When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad.

* **1 Corinthians 4:7 (Living Bible)**

What are you so puffed up about? What do you have that God hasn't given you? If all you have is from God why act as though you've accomplished something on your own?

* **3.** **GIVE THANKS IN WORSHIP TOGETHER**
* **John 4:23**

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

* **Hebrews 12:28-29**

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God.

**Group Discussion Questions**

1. Pastor Rick said, “When I’m growing in Christ, it’s always predicated by my desperation for Christ.” How do you measure “desperation”? How desperate are you for Christ in this season?
2. God’s grace loves humility. What does true humility look like in a believer’s life? According to Philippians 1:3 what is one attribute of true humility?
3. As we see in 2 Chronicles 26:16 pride destroyed King Uzziah’s “exit”. Billy Graham lived with the “end in mind” and finished well. What does it look like to live with the “end in mind”? How can we begin to remove the blinders of the deception of pride? What can we put in place in our lives that would help?
4. John the Baptizer was a true model of humility. John 3:30 records his mindset, “He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease.” Name some other biblical models of humility? How did they display true humility? Who in your own life models godly humility? How so?
5. Proverbs 27:17 “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” Who in your life sharpens you toward Christ-like humility? How do they do so? Proverbs 10:17 Who do you allow to correct your life? Are you lacking such people? Who can you prayerfully invite to do so?
6. How can we become more of the evidence of God’s grace to others? To whom do you need to give more grace? How can you do that this week? Be specific.