

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE CHRISTIAN AND PRIDE

Romans 12:3

Be Transformed—Week 3

ICEBREAKER: Do you prefer keeping the television remote in hand or giving it up? Why?

OVERVIEW: Romans 12 is all about how to be transformed so that we can become more and more like Jesus. In two verses it deals with the sin of pride (vs. 3, 16). Pride is often considered by scholars to be the chief sin, the worst sin, the fountain from which all other sins flow. To become more like Jesus we must resist pride and be humble. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to overcome pride.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What are some traits of a prideful person?
3. Is it wrong to be proud of yourself, or your children, or to take pride in your work? Is it wrong to have a "Pride Month"?
4. How has pride (either yours or someone else's) impacted you?

5. Read James 4:6-10.
 - a. What does it mean that God resists the proud?
 - b. What does it mean that God gives grace to the humble?
 - c. What kind of humility is this passage referring to?
6. Read Romans 12:3. What are three steps to overcome pride in this verse (and in the sermon)?
7. How was pride defined in the sermon? Where are some other ways to define or describe pride?
8. How does pride cause problems in relation to God and others?
9. According to the sermon, what is humility, and how can we grow more humble?

The Last Word: "It is pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began." C.S. Lewis

