

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

DANIEL: SHINING IN THE DARKNESS
PRIDE BEFORE THE FALL | DANIEL 4
FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2023

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The character of pride.
2. The danger of pride.
3. The solution to pride.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, what was something that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or you have questions about?
2. Pastor Jeff used C.S. Lewis's definition of pride: "Pride is ruthless, sleepless, unsmiling concentration on the self." Do you agree with that definition? Why or why not? Based on your definition of pride, what is humility then?
3. We know we're supposed to think of ourselves less and think about God more. Practically, what can we do to help accomplish that?
4. One of the reasons given to focus on God was to be exalted by Him. Is that a wrong motivation for righteous action? In other words, are actions only right if done for the sole purpose of God's glory? Why or why not?
5. For centuries the church has said pride is the root of all sin. Another idea put forth has been that disbelief is actually the root of all sin. Which do you think is right, and why? How did disbelief and pride relate? Why does getting this right matter?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Where is Jesus revealing remaining pride in your life since Sunday morning?
2. How do you attempt self-sufficiency in your life? Does it make you happy when you attempt this? Why or why not? What would it look like to replace those specific instances in your life with a humble dependence on the Lord?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for His love toward us, even when we try to make ourselves the point.
2. Pray that we as church would be humble, seeking not to make City on a Hill seem great, but Jesus.
3. Ask God to reveal in you any areas of pride that remain.