

Men's Group Discussion Guide

Pride vs Humility: The Silent Killer

Theme

Ego, Teachability, Surrender, and Leadership Posture

Key Scripture

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6

Objective

To help men identify areas of pride in their lives, understand biblical humility, and develop habits of teachability, surrender, and servant leadership.

Opening Question

Ask each man:

Who has been one of the most teachable men you've ever known, and what made him different?

Scripture Reading

Read together:

- Proverbs 16:18
- James 4:6
- Philippians 2:3-8
- James 4:10

Discussion

1. Which verse stands out most to you and why?
2. What does the Bible teach about the connection between pride and destruction?
3. How does Jesus model humility differently from the world's view of leadership?

Discussion Section 1

Why Pride is the Silent Killer

The podcast highlights that pride often hides behind independence, self-sufficiency, defensiveness, and the belief that we don't need help.

Questions

1. Why do you think pride is often difficult to recognise in ourselves?
2. Which of these statements have you struggled with most?
 - I know better.
 - I don't need help.
 - I don't need correction.
 - I can handle it myself.
3. Have you ever seen pride damage a relationship, ministry, workplace, or family?
4. In what ways can pride isolate a man from others?

Personal Reflection

Where might pride currently be limiting your spiritual growth?

Discussion Section 2

Recognising the Signs of Pride

The podcast identifies several warning signs:

- Defensiveness
- Difficulty admitting mistakes
- Resistance to accountability
- Needing recognition
- Comparing yourself to others

Questions

1. Which warning sign do you identify with most?
2. When someone offers correction, what is your first internal response?
3. How easy is it for you to say:
 - "I was wrong."
 - "I'm sorry."
 - "Please forgive me."
4. Do you seek validation from others more than you should?

5. How do comparisons affect your confidence and contentment?

Group Challenge

Share one area where God may be exposing pride in your life.

Discussion Section 3

The Power of Teachability

"A humble man remains a learner."

Questions

1. What makes a man teachable?
2. Why do some successful leaders become harder to teach?
3. What is God currently teaching you?
4. Who has permission to challenge or correct you?

Application Exercise

Each man completes this sentence:

"One thing I need to learn or improve in right now is _____."

Discussion Section 4

Humility and Surrender

Humility begins with surrender to God's authority rather than insisting on our own control.

Questions

1. What areas of life are hardest for you to surrender to God?
2. Why do men often struggle with surrender and trust?
3. How have you experienced God's faithfulness when you released control?
4. What is the difference between weakness and biblical humility?

Reflection

What is one area where God is asking you to trust Him more fully?

Discussion Section 5

Humility in Leadership

Whether we lead a home, a business, a ministry, or a team, humility matters. The podcast contrasts servant leadership with prideful leadership.

Read Together

A humble leader:

- Listens
- Learns
- Serves
- Admits mistakes
- Shares credit
- Takes responsibility

Questions

1. Which quality of a humble leader do you admire most?
2. Which quality needs the most growth in your life?
3. How does servant leadership differ from worldly leadership?
4. How can humility improve your influence at home, work, or church?

Personal Assessment

Rate yourself from 1-10 in the following areas:

- Teachable
- Accountable
- Approachable
- Servant-hearted
- Willing to admit mistakes

Action Steps for the Week

Choose at least one:

- ☐ Ask God daily to reveal areas of pride.
- ☐ Invite honest feedback from a trusted friend, mentor, or spouse.
- ☐ Apologise for something you have been avoiding.

- ☐ Perform an act of service without mentioning it to anyone.
- ☐ Write down three things you are grateful for each day.
- ☐ Ask someone: "What is one blind spot you see in my life?"

Accountability Question

At the next men's meeting, each man should answer:

"What step did I take this week to grow in humility, and what did God show me about my heart?"

Closing Challenge

Read James 4:10 aloud:

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Challenge the group:

Pride keeps us from growth. Humility positions us for God's grace. The strongest men are not the men who know everything, but the men who remain teachable before God and others.

Closing Prayer