

Unfollow

LETTING GO OF THE NEED TO BE FOLLOWED?



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



This week:

Remote Controlled

Check-in Question:

What's one thing you've done just to prove a point, only to later realize nobody else cared?

(You know, like winning an argument in your head three hours after it ended.)

Big Idea

Pride doesn't make us bigger, it actually makes us smaller. It shrinks our ability to admit, apologize, listen, love, and serve. Left unchecked, it crowds out the people we love and even crowds out God. But Jesus offers a better way. He redefines greatness—not by power or popularity, but by humility and service. Following Jesus means unfollowing ourselves. It's not easy, but it's freeing. Pride says, "Wait." Jesus says, "Initiate." So if you want to break pride's grip, start there.

Discussion Questions:

1. When do you most feel the pull of pride: when you're being corrected, when you're being ignored, or when you're being overlooked? Why do you think that triggers you?
2. Shayne talked about pride as something that reduces our capacity: to love, to admit, to give, to say, and to hear. Which of those hit home for you and why?
3. Read Matthew 5:5. How does that idea challenge or encourage you? What would it look like to actually pursue meekness in your world? Please create a hyperlink on the reference: [Click Here](#)
4. Pride says, "Wait." Jesus says, "Initiate." Can you think of a relationship or situation right now where you're waiting, but maybe God's asking you to go first? What's holding you back?
5. We learned that pride often shows up emotionally before it shows up logically. How do your emotions try to "protect" your pride? What's one lie your pride keeps telling you?
6. Paul wrote that Jesus "made himself nothing" and "humbled himself... even to death on a cross" (Philippians 2:7-8). What would it take for us to have that same mindset in our everyday relationships?

How Can The Group Pray For You This Week?