

SUMMER

AT HIGHLANDS

Don't Trip

Big Idea

This week Pastor Rick Bezet closed out our Summer at Highlands series by teaching us about pride. The truth is that we've all made mistakes and let our pride convince us to cover it up instead of letting our hearts correct it. When we deal with our mistakes by leaning into our pride we stay stuck in harmful patterns. What does pride do to a believer? It prevents spiritual growth and intimacy with others. Obadiah 1:3 says, "the pride of your own heart has deceived you." You can divide everyone into two categories: those that are prideful and those that are humble. As Christians, we may be going to heaven, but you can rob the journey of joy by living a life marked by pride. If Satan, who was a worship leader in heaven, can get kicked out for pride, so too can pride take heaven out of you. Pastor Rick put it this way, "when you're prideful you have a need to be noticed, but when you're humble you notice needs." So what is the antidote to pride? Admit when you're wrong, recognize God's grace, and give thanks through worship. Each and every one of us have fallen short and will make mistakes. Joy and freedom are found when we can recognize our short comings, run to God's grace, and give thanks to an awesome Father.

"God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble." - James 4:6

Discussion Questions

- Humility requires us to listen to others, learn from others, and admit when we're wrong. Which of these is the easiest for you? Which is the most difficult, and why?
- Talk about an area in your life in which you managed to put your pride aside. What steps did you take to develop a humble posture in this situation?
- What are some practical ways you can model humility this week?

Prayer Focus

Give your pride to the Lord and ask Him to forgive you for the ways that you have exalted yourself. Ask God to give you a heightened awareness to your own mentality and approach to others, praying for a renewed, strengthened, and humble mind.

Next Steps

The Fall semester is coming soon. Encourage members to consider leading a small group. For more information about Small Groups and upcoming leadership trainings, visit www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups.

Leader Tip

Ask your Small Group members what their prayer needs are, and pray for each of them daily. Encourage your group members to pray for each other as well.