

Being a NOT Know it All, September 19-22

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

HOUSEKEEPING

No Learning Communities next week. Oct. 3-6 Learning Communities will follow up Sept. 22 sermon

- Assignment #1: daily ask God to reveal where you are blind or deceived and cause you to see truth.
- Assignment #2: daily ask God to reveal **relationships** where not fighting for them using “truth in love” Eph 4:15
- CHALLENGE for New Song family - start doing the hard work of living and speaking the truth in love more and more in true humility as a primary way to wage spiritual war.

PROBING, MEDDLING QUESTIONS:

Are you willing to let down your guard for God to show you yourself in ways that will be painful? make you cringe... want to give up... want to turn to something to feel better... point at someone else?

what Jesus was doing with His disciples ALL THE TIME... AND STILL IS with us

Are you willing to cooperate with God when it is painful to hear, see and act?

In what ways how do you need to humble yourself in relationships, in everyday life, in ordinary moments, small interactions that will be the building blocks/ foundation stones of a truly humble life?

WORKING AT HUMILITY AS A LIFESTYLE

➔ A Lifestyle of deep humility is foundational to following Christ (James 4:1-12, 1 Peter 5:6-11, 9/8 sermon)

Philippians 2:1–11 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

- Pride: wrong view of God, others, self - leads to wrong actions in relationships
- Humility: true view of God, others and self - leads to Christlike actions in relationships
Christlike humility - a way of seeing and acting that **counts others more significant than ourselves**
sight that comes only from supernatural enlightening by the Holy Spirit IN us based in the Bible
behavior that comes only from supernatural power from the Holy Spirit IN us based in the Bible

PERSPECTIVE: We talk about loving God and people all the time, and rightfully so. Why, then, is it still a struggle to love as Jesus loves? *Could it be that we are missing and not even realizing we are missing, a key foundational basis without which we can never truly love?*

HERB'S THRONE ROOM TIME SUNDAY AM

Humility is the #1 need for life (another way to say pride is #1 enemy/ problem/ obstacle)

REALITY CHECK: we don't even realize all the ways we are prideful

EX. When talk down/ disrespectful/ condescending to another = it's b/c view self as better than that person

IF OBJECT – would you talk that way to someone you admire or are trying to win favor with?

EX. When act dismissive, hurtful, unkind = it's b/c view self as better. IF object, see above...

EX. When I don't listen, pay attention to, = it's b/c view self as better. IF object, see above...

Bible EX. Pharisee and tax collector/ Jesus and disciples with children/ Jesus vs. disciples with woman at well, Gentiles, village that rejected/ Jesus with Peter: great confession then “get behind Me satan”

REALITY CHECK: we don't realize all the ways pride causes us to make ourselves feel good about selves

Sinful nature is to compare with others, look for those I believe I am better than to feel good about self

EX. Adam and Eve/ James and John with other 10/ Peter with John/ early “leaders” vs Paul

REALITY CHECK: Humility to “count others more significant than yourselves” Phil. 2:3, requires sense of emotional and relational security in which we **experience** that we are valued by God. When secure in value to God (and only when) I can be servant (even slave) to others. Until then I will always try to prove myself.

SELECTED THOUGHTS FROM SUNDAY – *Working at humility*

➔ Our default is pride even after committing to Christ

Luke 16:14–15 (ESV) ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “*You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.*”

Matthew 16:13–23 (ESV)

→ Assume unrecognized pride and blindness

1 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV) ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV) ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Galatians 6:1–5 (ESV) (pew Bible page 975)

→ Be a “don’t know it all”

“I might be wrong... I might be the problem... I still have things to learn and ways to change...”

BRAINSTORM: what are ways that we act with pride and don’t realize it? where you notice yourself or others blind to acting in pride?

→ Live and speak truth in love as a lifestyle

Ephesians 4:15 (ESV) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV) ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 10:23–27 (ESV)

→ Walk in others’ shoes

Luke 6:31 (ESV) And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

→ ***Lean into discomfort*** of correction, confrontation or disagreement; don’t rush to comfort

→ Seek and offer correction

Proverbs 27:17 (ESV) ¹⁷Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

*“Receiving and giving correction is a **GIFT** that often does not feel like a gift.”*

Application: RESPOND to the above statement...

What is your knee-jerk response to disagreement, correction, being wrong, being challenged, opposition?

How is it different for a person who is emotionally/ spiritually insecure vs. a person who is secure?

What is the role of fear in pride and humility?

Galatians 2:11–14 (ESV) ¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

Matthew 5:21–26 (ESV)

Matthew 18:15–17 (ESV)

Takeaways...