

The Real Fight/ Getting to the End of Ourselves, September 5-8

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)

Intro:

The next leg of our journey in “Being the Church” is ACTION

Because of the pride that came with 3 rebellions, and because reversal is an ongoing transformation,

WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM:

there are things that we believe we know that we don't know,
and we don't know that we don't know because we believe we know.

The result is that we think and act in Jesus' Name in ways that are not of Jesus

Pride: any and all kinds of self-focus, including ways that are subconscious, ways that we are blind to, ways that appear to be about God, and so many more.

Pride is a BIG, BIG, BIG problem of which we are largely unaware... and requires deliberate effort to humble ourselves in deep, submissive, brokenness by **COOPERATING** with God.

Allowing God to get us to the end of ourselves and transform us into soldiers of Christ

➔ tendency to believe we know when we don't

➤ Saul sincerely, honestly believed he knew Who God is and what God wants. But pride was in the way.

Philippians 3:4–7

Acts 9:1–25

➤ Picture of pride

➤ Picture of humility – sorrow, self-denial, waiting, more...

➤ Humility of Ananias

➤ Humility – obeying Jesus as Master even when we don't understand Ananias...

Saul...

➔ tendency to believe we know when there is more

➤ Humility – surrendering my will to COOPERATE with God’s will when it is painful

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

➔ relationship problems are most often a pride/humility issue

James 4:1–12 (ESV)

1 Peter 5:5b–11 (ESV)

The challenge: lean into deep, deep brokenness and true humility as we follow Jesus

Takeaways...