Jesus Breaking the Rules
Humility Will Take You Further

Talk It Over

Message Summary
Jesus challenged the human tendency to chase status, recognition, and the best seat. Pride promises to elevate us but ultimately brings us down. Jesus modeled a better way: humility that serves others, admits weakness, and trusts God with the outcome. Pride can take you higher for a moment, but humility will take you further for a lifetime.

Key Scriptures
Luke 14:7–11 (NIV)
When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable… "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

James 4:6 (NIV)
God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

Psalm 10:4 (NIV)
In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Philippians 2:8–9 (NIV)
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place.

Start Talking
Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is something you're overly competitive about, even if the competition only exists in your own mind?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: Here (Available Monday's)

Start Thinking
Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- What do these passages teach us about the difference between pride & humility?

Start Sharing
Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Why is pride easy to recognize in someone else but difficult to see in ourselves?
- When is it hardest for you to apologize, admit you were wrong, ask for help, or let someone else receive the credit?
- Humility isn't thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less. Where might God be asking you to focus less on yourself and more on someone else?
- Where is pride showing up in your life right now, and what humble step could you take this week to make more room for Jesus?

Start Praying
Jesus, reveal the pride in us that we struggle to see. Give us the humility to admit when we're wrong, serve others, and stop fighting to be noticed. Help us follow Your example so our lives point people toward You instead of ourselves. Amen.

Start Doing
This week, choose the lower seat. Apologize first, give someone else credit, celebrate another person's success, or serve in a way no one else will notice. Remember: Pride isn't a battle you win once. It's a battle you have to fight every day.