

The Men We Need

Humility vs. Pride



Talk It Over

Message Summary

Godly men know pride leads to downfall and humility leads to greatness. True strength isn't about power, it's thinking about yourself less, repenting quickly when you sin, and serving others like Jesus did.

Key Scriptures

God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

James 4:6 (NIV)

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12 (NIV)

No, said Peter, you shall never wash my feet.

Jesus answered, Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.

Then, Lord, Simon Peter replied, not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!

Jesus answered, Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you. For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. Do you understand what I have done for you? he asked them. You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

John 13:8–15 (NIV)

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What was the one thing you decided to take more ownership of last week? What happened as a result?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Mondays)

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- Why does God oppose pride, and what does that show about His heart for humility?

Start Sharing

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- How have you seen humility (thinking of yourself less) make a difference in your relationships or leadership?
- How can we show humility at home, work, or church this week?
- How do you think God wants to rewrite your story?

Start Praying

Lord, teach us to walk humbly. Help us admit our weakness, repent quickly, and follow Jesus' example of serving others with love and grace. Amen.

Start Doing

Sit in a circle with your group. Go around sharing one thing you need to repent of so that God can begin to rewrite your story. The person to your right will pray for you, then share their own. If your group includes both men and women, split into male and female circles for this time.