

## Sermon Questions

### “Pride and Humility”

#### John 13

1. What stood out to you in this week’s message?
2. One of the first points that Pastor Jim shared this week is that going through difficulty in life does not automatically lead to humility, in many cases it creates pride. Please read Proverbs 11:2; 16:18 and 29:23. What do these passages tell us about the dangers of pride?
3. Please read our passage for this week, John 13:1-17. The first observation from this passage is that pride is about outward appearance. Discuss the significance of Jesus wrapping the towel around his waist. What does Matthew 23:5-7 tell us about the pride of the Pharisees?
4. The second insight from our passage is that pride is when we expect and demand more from others than from ourselves. Take a moment and think of a time when you asked someone for a favor. It may be a small task or a large task. Was this something that you would be willing to do yourself? How can we change our outlook from seeking to gain from others to seeking to serve others?
5. Our third insight is that pride is an unwillingness to let others serve us. Again, please take a moment and think of a time when someone served you out of their own kindness and selflessness. How did this act of service make you feel? Did you feel guilty because of their service? Read Galatians 6:3; Romans 12:3-8 and Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and discuss the importance of our community of believers.
6. The final insight into pride is that our pride can lead to a refusal to accept forgiveness from God. Pastor Jim shared that when we accept forgiveness, then we accept that we are broken people. Please read Ephesians 2:8-9 and Psalm 130. Please spend time praying together as a group. Pray that God will take away any sense of pride that is in your life. Pray that God will renew a right spirit within you and that He will give you a clean heart. Pray that God will give you the ability and the opportunity to humble yourself and serve others. Thank Him for his loving kindness and sacrifice for your sake.