

WEEK 7- LEAVING THE COURTROOM

Proverbs 11:12, 13:10, 16:18, 21:4, 15:25, 16:19, 15:33

1. PRIDE IS NEEDING TO FEEL BETTER THAN OTHER PEOPLE IN SOME WAY
2. PRIDE IS NEEDING TO TAKE GOD'S PLACE IN YOUR OWN LIFE
3. PRIDE IS BEING CONSTANTLY, DESPERATELY AWARE OF YOURSELF

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **OPENER:** Coronavirus is changing the way that we are functioning as a society right now. How are you and your loved ones doing through all of this? Is there anything you need? What are the best ways for us to stay in touch and support one another even if we aren't able to meet in person?
2. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
3. The first main idea in this week's message was "Pride is needing to feel better than other people in some way" (Prov. 11:12). In what areas of life are you prone to thinking you are better than other people? Why do you think it's that area in particular?
4. One major difference between the humble and the proud is in how they receive advice (Prov. 13:10). When is the last time someone gave you advice? How did you respond? Would you respond differently if you could go back?
5. What are some areas of your life where you still feel like you are "in the courtroom?" In other words, where do you find yourself connecting your performance with your identity or constantly working to earn a verdict of being "good enough?" Why do you think you feel/ believe this way?
6. In 1 Cor. 4:3-4, we see that Paul understood that he is out of the courtroom to the point that he didn't even judge himself. How can the gospel get us to the point where we can live like Paul is describing here?
7. Proverbs 15:33 says, "Fear of the Lord teaches wisdom; humility precedes honor." What does it mean to "fear the Lord?" Why do you think fearing the Lord is so important for us to be able to deal with our pride?"
8. One of the main ideas this week was that "Pride is being constantly, desperately aware of yourself." In other words, it is being caught up and absorbed in focusing on yourself instead of others. With all that is going on in the world around us right now with coronavirus, what are some ways we can be other-focused and not get caught up being absorbed in ourselves?