

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the events in Jesus' life that point to his humility?
2. Since Jesus lived a perfect life, why did He live a life of humility?
3. How is pride at the root of all sin? What does that say about humility?
4. What is the true source of all fighting among believers?
5. What does being a friend of the world look like?
6. What does submitting to God look like?
7. How do we try to act like God?
8. What area of your life do you need to submit to God today?

Answers to fill in the blanks:
INTRODUCTION 1. EXAMPLE A) LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST B) PALM SUNDAY 1) FOAL 2) BURDEN
2. EVIDENCE A) CH. 4 B) PRIDE 1) PLACE 2) SUBMIT
HOW DO WE PURSUE THE HUMBLE LIFE AND NOT PRIDE?
1. WITHIN OURSELVES A) PRIDE B) HUMILITY
2. THE WORLD OR GOD A) SELF-DECEPTION B) GIVEN
3. SUBMITTING A) WHOLE LIFE B) RELATIONSHIP
4. PLAY A) OTHERS B) OUR LIVES

SERMON NOTES

THE HUMBLE LIFE

James 4:1-17

INTRODUCTION

1. THE HUMBLE LIFE BY _____

- A) The best demonstration of true humility is the _____
_____.
- B) _____ is one of the many examples
of the humility of Christ.
- 1) Jesus was hailed as king entering Jerusalem, yet He show humility
riding upon the _____ of a donkey. (See Zechariah
9:9, Matt. 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12)
 - 2) The Bearer of all of mankind's sin rode into Jerusalem, the place of
His sacrifice on the cross, on a lowly beast of _____.
(Matthew 11:28-30)

2. THE HUMBLE LIFE AS _____

- A) The main idea in James _____ is that real, genuine faith
in Christ requires a humble heart and is evidenced by a humble life.
- B) The root of all sin is _____, the opposite of humility.
- 1) Definition of pride: The desire to take the _____ of God.
 - 2) Definition of humility: The desire to _____ to God.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

HOW DO WE PURSUE THE HUMBLE LIFE AND NOT PRIDE?

1. WE MUST STOP BLAMING OTHERS WHEN THE TRUE BATTLE

IS _____.

James 4:1-3 (CSB)

¹ What is the source of wars and fights among you? Don't they come from your passions that wage war within you? ² You desire and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and wage war. You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

A) Walking by our sin nature is characterized by _____.

B) Walking by our spiritual nature is characterized by _____ (see also Romans 7:14-25)

2. WE HAVE A CHOICE TO MAKE – _____.

James 4:4-6 (CSB)

You adulterous people! Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think it's without reason that the Scripture says: The spirit he made to dwell in us envies intensely? ⁶ But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says: **God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**

A) To be a friend of the world and claim to be a Christian is the biggest _____.

B) God's grace is greater than anything this world offers us, and it is _____ to the humble.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

3. THE PURSUIT OF HUMILITY STARTS WITH

_____ TO GOD.

James 4:7-10 (CSB)

⁷ Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

A) Submitting to God is saying, "Though I do not understand my situation, I bow before you and submit my _____ to you."

B) Drawing near speaks of our _____ with Christ. (See also Matt. 23:12, Luke 14:11)

4. WE MUST STOP TRYING TO _____ GOD.

A) PLAYING GOD IN THE LIVES OF _____.

James 4:11-12 (CSB)

¹¹ Don't criticize one another, brothers and sisters. Anyone who defames or judges a fellow believer defames and judges the law. If you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

B) PLAYING GOD IN _____.

James 4:13-17 (CSB)

¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit." ¹⁴ Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So it is sin to know the good and yet not do it.