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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Imagine yourself being given an opportunity to meet with the President of the Republic of the Philippines, how would you present yourself to him, and what would be the utmost in your mind that you would say to him?

WORSHIP:

Suggested songs:

- God Will Take Care of You
- <u>The Faithful Love of Jesus</u>

Adoring Our God

WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members to do an honest to goodness reflection of how they see themselves in relation to other members of the church.
- 2. GG members will be taught what pride can do to the unity of the church, and how humility can be a source of joy in serving others in church.
- 3. GG members will know why God hates pride, but looks favorably to those that are humble in spirit.

INTRODUCTION

Humility is a virtue that is not easy to find in most people, and is scarce as "rareearth elements" such as Thulium, Osmium, Rhodium, and a list of others; while pride is almost universal in every people, tongue, and tribe since the day it first reared its ugly head, and caused humanity to be in a state where we are in today-anger, hate, envy, strife, conflicts, confrontations, murders, and wars.

Peter exhorted the believers to be humble towards each other (vv. 5-7)

Peter exhorted both the elderly and young believers that they are to humbly serve each other. Peter gave two reasons why believers should humble themselves. First, because God extends his grace to the humble. Second, because God cares for those who are humble.

- 1. What does one need to fully understand what it takes to be humble?
- 2. How can humility be cultivated and practiced among church members?
- 3. Why is pride an affront and rebellion against God and His Lordship? And how does this consequently affect also relationships within the church and causes disunity?
- 4. How does God view proud people? How does God deal with them?
- 5. What does God make of people who are humble in spirit? In what ways are they lifted up?

Application

We know that from the beginning of time, it was the pride that brought Lucifer down from his lofty place where God created him, when he wanted to be like God, and even wanted to exceed God! It was also how he deceived Eve and Adam to believe that they can be as wise as God and be self-reliant without God, which caused them to sin and the rest of creation to suffer since.

WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

We know better, however, that we are finite being, and there is just no way for us to be totally self-sufficient, nor are we in full control of our lives. We are a mist that is here for a moment and can just vanish in an instant (James 4:14).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit to help us realize this truth that we are nothing when it comes to how we are or stand before the Almighty, and pray that the Holy Spirit help cultivate in us a spirit of humility to enable us to love and serve God, and also our fellow human beings, especially those who belong to God's household.

What area in your life do you struggle with pride, and how can your GG help you?

PRAYER ITEM

Heavenly Father, I pray that I follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was humble to the point of death on the cross. He did so for the good of mankind to restore a broken relationship between mankind and you. May we as a church have this kind of humility in order that we think others more highly than ourselves. Help us develop unity in our church so that others may see the bond that we have in Christ and in so doing have a strong witness for the world. May we have this unity to strengthen our fellowship because Satan wants nothing more than disunity in the church. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.



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