



PETER

THE DISCIPLE MAKER

Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week Five

This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins

- 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV)

Week Five, Day Three

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:1-5

Devotional Reading

As followers of Christ, there are two forces often battling it out in our thoughts, words and actions: pride and humility.

Paul hammered the point home, writing about humility or pride in almost every one of his letters. Augustine wrote that the way of godliness, “consists first, of humility, second, of humility, and third, of humility.” C.S. Lewis said, “the essential vice, the utmost evil, is pride,” and that all our other struggles, “are mere flea bites in comparison.”

Peter, too, emphasizes humility to his disciples as he continues to explain believers’ responsibilities to one another. His instructions to both the church elders and young people are focused on being humble in their respective roles. Then, to everyone, he commands: “clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.”

Let us explore what it looks like to be clothed in humility. We are encouraged to live out of an accurate view of ourselves in relation to God and others.

Self-loathing is not humility. Serving others with a resentful heart is not humility. Knowing our worth as God’s child informs our sense of identity and fosters a humble nature. Sincerely putting others before ourselves naturally spurs on activity derived from humble intentions. Humility is a matter of the heart.

It requires raising our eyes from ourselves to our Savior who died on behalf of our many shortcomings. As we fix our gaze heavenward, he meets with us! As he says through the prophet, Isaiah, “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit.”

Faith In Action

Think of a recent struggle you’ve had with sin in your life. What lies have you believed in that area of your life? What truth from Scripture do you need to embrace? Remember that it is not up to you to save yourself. You are forgiven because of Jesus’ sacrifice. Ask God to replace the pride in your heart with fruitful humility.

Today’s Prayer

Lord, I am yours. You made me and have redeemed me! I owe everything to your grace and mercy! Enable me to live and love others according to these amazing truths. Free me from thinking too high or too low of myself. Help me to see myself in light of the blood of Jesus.