

Resilient Faith (5 of 6)

Small Group Discussion Questions

PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global pandemic COVID-19 has forced us to adjust and adapt how we do church and stay connected to one another as a congregation. We're not closed as a church, we're just doing church differently! So, please stay connected to the body at Grantham Church. Join our congregation for worship in-person with restrictions or online at 10:30 am each Sunday morning via our Grantham Church YouTube Channel. For more information, please go to the [Grantham Church Live](#) page at our website.

As usual, the sermons will be posted to the [recent sermons page](#) on our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

Sunday, March 21st 2021



Sermon Title: It's the Humble Hearts that Grow

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3; Luke 14:11; Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Peter 5:6-7

Sermon Focus: Moses told Israel that they had to go through the wilderness so they would trust him and be faithful to the covenant in the promised land, when the days of the desert were behind them. But because they were not teachable, they needed to be humbled. What is the biblical view humility and why is it needed for building a resilient faith? Listen as Pastor David invites us to have humble hearts that grow.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call! Use the following questions to guide your small group discussion:

1. Pastor David said that the opposite of pride is *not* humility, it is shame. Both are not what God desires for us. Therefore, humility is about seeing who we really are (made in God's image but broken and not as we should be; loved with an unsurpassable love despite our sins or our achievements). Accepting this truth can keep us from the extremes of both pride and shame. Do you agree? What are your thoughts in response to this? How have you experienced this?
2. Pastor David said that, "a lack of humility (i.e., being prideful or even having a poor self-image) is usually an indicator of *insecurity*, which is often rooted in our childhood, the family we were raised in, or a traumatic experience in our career or personal lives." Have you ever thought about how both pride and low self-esteem are in response to insecurities, and not knowing who we are in Christ? How have you seen this at work in your own life experiences?
3. Rick Warren said, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less." What do you think this looks like in our daily living?
4. Read Deuteronomy 8:2-3 and Luke 14:11. Moses and Jesus both indicated that we can be humbled if we're not willing to humble ourselves, either by God or our circumstances. How have you experienced this in your own life? How have you seen that in the lives of others who live pridefully (Prov 16:18)?
5. Pastor David said that the following is what it looks like to be teachable:
 - Having a good attitude and a growth mindset.
 - Embodying regular practices of learning.
 - Saying things like, "I was wrong. I'm sorry. I don't know. Can you help me?"Discuss what each of these looks like in your own life.
6. Read Matthew 11:29-29 together. What wonderful words from Jesus! How do these words of Jesus speak directly to where you are right now?