



Proverbs 29:23

## **BIG IDEA**

The Christian life is the supernatural expansion of the moral imagination that gives life to a new person in us.

## **INTRO TO THE FAMILY GUIDE**

Thank you for opening this guide. We are glad that you've decided to *continue the conversation*. Below you will find discussion questions geared toward adults and families. Whatever unit you are in, we would love for you to interact with each other and dig deeper into what we learned today. If you are alone, feel free to pick up the phone to call, text, or digitally interact with a friend on these questions.

The age-based questions for families cover 4 different stages of life—preschoolers, elementary students, middle schoolers, and teens. Parents, it's always awesome to model vulnerability with your children, so, even though each section does not specifically invite parents to share please do so.

## **SUMMARY FOR THIS WEEK**

Question to focus on is, "How are you proud?" Not, "Are you proud?"

We don't change because we receive information. We won't change until an idea is in our imagination and then we grasp it in full. So, it is important to cultivate a moral imagination.

"The Christian life is much more than suppression of sin. It is the supernatural expansion of the moral imagination that gives life to a new person in us that can only be explained by Christ's presence in us."

"Pride is the veiled belief that I am better than God." Example of pride is a sassy posture with parents. When we are kids our posture and tone with our parents reveals that we thought we were better than them.

Pride is a direct attack and offense toward God Himself.

## **PRESCHOOL**

1. Pull some boxes, papers or junk mail from your trash can. Along with your child cut them up into pieces and glue them onto a paper to make a beautiful picture.

Turning trash into something beautiful. God can do the same thing in our hearts. He can help us change our sin to virtue, our pride to humility. What is one thing that you want God to help you change? Ex. Be more kind. Obey mom and dad right away. Not get angry...etc.

2. Proverbs 6:16-19 talks about things that God hates. These are sins that separate us from Him. Make a list of some things that God loves.

## **ELEMENTARY**

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2. Who is a character from a story that shows you what pride is like? How are you sometimes like that character?

Who is a character from a story that shows you what humility is like? How are you sometimes like that character?

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1. Look at the parable in Luke 18:9-14. Make a list of how the Pharisee showed pride and another list of how the tax collector showed humility. Pick a character from another story that shows pride and another that shows humility. Add to the list how they show these traits. What things from these lists describe you sometimes?

2. Challenge- Ask one person in your house- How do you see pride in my life?

3. Who is one person in your life that shows humility? How can you be more like this person?

## HIGH SCHOOL

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2. Challenge- Ask one person in your house- How do you see pride in my life?
3. Sometimes our pride can be sneaky. Are there any ways that you try to disguise your pride to make it less obvious?

## Adults

1. Matt was working on the sermon and he got a text that said, "Let me know when I can come back to worship like an adult." Do you see the pride in it? Share one area regarding this pandemic where you have judged what someone believes or how someone acts without knowing the whole story(note the limits to our knowledge of the person and the situation). Can you see the sneaky presence of pride in this?

In Luke 18:10-12 Jesus gives us a contrast and Jesus wants to invite us to be reflective and to see ourselves in one or the other. One man becomes proud of his righteousness. "Yes, I may have done this but at least I didn't do that." The other, a tax collector, asks for mercy. There are 4 contrasts in this passage: 1. Pharisees' posture is up. He is very assured about himself. The tax collector is far off and his head is down. 2. Note the contrast in the words each man says. The pharisee has much to say. The tax collector has little to say. 3. The contrast of their disposition. The Pharisee is a teller and the tax collector is an asker. He says he is not worthy. 4. The contrast of their self image. The pharisee is assured in who he is so he is closed off to critique. The tax collector is open.

2. Discuss with a friend or your family the following: What does my pride really look like using these 4 contrasts? We can learn so much from one another in this area as we share vulnerably. .