

Adult Group Study Guide for July 12, 2020

Series: "Exodus"

Message: "Pharaoh's Pride"

Goal: To do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility to value others above yourself, not looking just to your own interests. (Philippians 2:3-4)

Key Verse: *But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."* - James 4:6 (NIV2011)

1. Almost everyone has heard of the Titanic even if they never have read the books or watched the movies that describe how it sank. Why do you think the Titanic has become a household name? What can we learn from the ship's maiden voyage?

2. Read Exodus 5:1-5. Pharaoh was the most powerful man in the world at the time of the Exodus. What do these verses tell us about how he viewed himself? In what ways are we vulnerable to think and act like Pharaoh?

3. The Bible describes pride two ways: Arrogance – superiority over other people, and Hubris – superiority over God and his will. How does pride undermine the center of Christian obedience – to love God and love our neighbor?

4. Pastor Austin described four ways that pride can slip into our lives. Which one of these is your weakest point of entry? What is your best defense?
 - a. Accomplishments – Holding too tightly for too long our past accomplishments.
 - b. Comparison – Comparing ourselves with the real "sinners." (Luke 18:10-14)
 - c. Low self-esteem – Knocking others down so we can feel better.
 - d. Losing perspective – Working for the best place to sit. (Luke 14:8-11)

5. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What makes Jesus the best example of how to live a life of humility? Would you rather choose a moment of exultation here and now or an eternity of exultation with Jesus?