



LEADERS GUIDE: 10/11/15 | THE BELIVER TO WHOM GOD LOOKS

What in the sermon stood out to you the most? How did the sermon challenge you towards being humble, contrite, and reverent?

-One question that always seems to get things rolling in my own group is: "Can someone recap the sermon in case someone wasn't able to attend this weekend? What was the preacher's main point/emphasis?"

2. It is often said that the chief sin is pride. Why do we struggle with pride so much? What does our pride say about God?

-Often times we feel like our actions do something to validate or establish something about ourselves. Therefore taking pride in who we are/what we have done is a way to find some sort of hope or confidence for life. If we are capable of doing something we then are able to find value or status in the world. This mindset is not a gospel mindset. We do not find acceptance in what we have done, but in what Christ has done. Pride silently supplants God from throne and attempts to place ourselves above him. It ultimately says that we are the object of most importance, not God. It takes the camera of life, or the script of humanity and places us at the center.

3. Note the importance of humility in Luke 14:11. What does biblical humility look like? Why is it essential for believers?

-Biblical humility is typified by someone who is obsessed with God. It is for those who are lowly not because they are worthless, but because they realize the infinite worth of Christ. It is in this contrite and humble spirit that we are able to have a better picture of ourselves because we have a better picture of God. It is a posture of worship before it is a posture of pride. Big pictures of God leave little room for big pictures of self. This allows us to serve others more (like Paul outlines in Philippians 2) because we are less concerned about ourselves and more concerned about responding in faithful service to the gospel.