



MESSAGE SERIES GUIDE

TIMBERLAKE CHURCH

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Surprisingly Simple Secrets to a Better Life *The Problem of Pride*

FOR LEADER In preparation for group discussion, take a few minutes to read through the scriptures and discussion questions. The most recent message is available online at www.timberlakechurch.com/messages_for_further_study

ICEBREAKER

What's your most favorite thing about summer? What are you looking forward to the most?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

This week, Dave Nelson shared a powerful teaching about pride and how it can negatively affect our lives. We also celebrated Memorial Day and remembered those who gave their lives in the service of our country.

Proverbs 16:18 - Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

Do you know someone who is prideful? How would you describe that individual?

Would you consider yourself a prideful person? Why or why not?

Pride creates a host of negative effects in our lives. What are some of impacts you think it has in our relationships? In our work? In our faith?

Dave shared that pride gradually “diminishes us”, which is the opposite of what people expect or want. Do you agree with statement? Why or why not? How have you seen this happen?

Proverbs 11:2 - Pride leads to disgrace....

NEXT STEP

We all struggle with pride one way or another, in what way are you struggling with pride now? What's one step you can take to embracing humility?

Dave taught that pride imprisons us by:

1. Preventing our personal growth
2. Shutting others out
3. Shutting God out

Which of these three do you see and struggle with in your life? If you don't resonate with these currently, have you experienced any of these in your past? If so, what happened?

James 4:6 - “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

The key to overcoming pride is embracing humility. What does “humility” look like to you? Do you know people who are humble? How would you describe them?

You can humble yourself by doing these things: pray, serve, give, practice gratitude, and confess pride. Which of these do you feel invited to exploring in your life?