



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Practice Humility*

Text: Joshua 4:1-9

Service Date: November 3, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- We live in an age (and political climate) that encourages promotion of self. This is evident in entertainment, media, and every other aspect of American culture. Yet, this was not always the case (i.e. President John F. Kennedy's statement, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country.") Why do you think a focus on self has become so prominent in today's culture and the topic of humility seldom discussed or encouraged?
- When you think about examples of people in your life that you consider humble, who comes to mind?
- "Humility is having confidence in God over oneself." Have you ever had a humbling experiencing in your life? What made it humbling?

Sermon Discussion

- Read Joshua 4:1-9. What things jump out to you in the passage?
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves..." In your mind, what does humbling ourselves look like?
- Paul said in the sermon, "Humility looks for where God is working in the process and not just the final destination." How have you seen this play out in your own life and the life of our church?
- It's easy for us to praise and recognize God at the finish line, but how can we also give thanks, praise, and recognition during the hard, humbling moments?

- James 4:6 says, “But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’” What does this verse indicate about our need to practice humility in all areas of life?
- Why is being in worship on Sunday helpful when encountering a difficult season of life, especially when we have to humble ourselves to admit we need to be there? What factors drive some people away from worship in those situations?
- A question in the sermon was, “What stones could you pile in your house and say, ‘These remind me of God working when I felt lost?’” Can you think of any stones you would place in the pile?
- We sometimes don’t realize an area of our life that needs to practice humility until it’s too late (or we have to learn the hard way). Yet, Jesus not only remained humble but took our shame on the cross. He humbled himself and became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21). If “Humility is having confidence in God over oneself”, how do we learn to allow His Spirit to take control over every area of our life, even when it might feel embarrassing or as though we ultimately don’t have control?

Resources

Book: *Why: Answers to Weather the Storms of Life* by Vernon Brewer

Book: *Through the Eyes of a Lion* by Levi Lusko

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.