

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: The Argument

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Luke 9:43b-50



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Sermon Outline

- I. A picture of pride (Luke 9:46)
- II. A picture of humility (Luke 9:47-48)
- III. A picture of greatness (Luke 9:44)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. We've been away from the book of Luke since May. How would you summarize the story of Luke so far? What do you remember of what we've covered over the last two years?

3. In Luke 9:46, the Bible tells us that the disciples were arguing with one another about which of them was the greatest. What do you think caused this? What do you think causes *your* pride?

4. Where have you seen pride in others? Where do you see pride in yourself?

5. Luke 9:46 gives us two hints of where pride will lead us if left unchecked: it'll lead us into conflict with others and to a diminished view of God. How have you seen one or both of these things play out in your own life? What might it look like to repair or change what your pride has done?

6. What comes with pride is an insistence on my own rights and an unwillingness to admit wrong. With whom do you need to let go of your rights and admit your wrongs?

7. Read Luke 9:49-50. In these verses is a third hint at what pride does: pride tends to make us jealous when God uses someone else. How have you experienced that? What do you think is the connection between pride and jealousy? What has helped *shrink* your jealousy?

8. In Luke 9:47-48, Jesus uses a child to teach his disciples that humility is the path to greatness. Why is that kind of thinking repulsive to the world (and, sometimes, to us)? What does humility look like in a world like ours?

9. How do you think the *world* defines greatness? In your own words, how do you think *Jesus* would define greatness?
10. Read two other stories in Luke that center around humility (Luke 14:7-11 and 18:9-14). What can we glean from them?
11. What about Jesus' humility can you mimic in your own life?
12. What do you think it looks like to *pray* for God's help in cultivating humility?
13. How will looking at Jesus help keep you humble?