

## PERSONAL APPLICATION AND INTERACTION

1. We know the full extent of Jesus' humility to the point of death on a cross. But do we live lives that humbly follow in His footsteps? What are the keys to living such a life?
2. Pride destroys unity. What steps do we need to take to stand firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving together? (see Phil. 1:27)
3. The world applauds an unbridled pursuit of accolades, affirmation, and exaltation. In light of this, how shall we daily apply biblical humility and still succeed in our worldly occupations?
4. "I can do it!" "I don't need to bother God!" In what areas of your life do you find these statements to ring true?
5. Read Mark 9:38; in what ways are we as a group of believers guilty of prejudice?



## PASSION – PRIDE – PREJUDICE

### *Lessons on Humility*

Mark 9:30-41

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**Verses 30-32...PASSION**—The disciples are having a tough time with the humiliation that awaits Christ in Jerusalem. For this and other reasons, Jesus values the teaching time with His disciples. He knows they are in the middle of reworking every concept of the Messiah that they have been taught since they were young.

- “*delivered*” = \_\_\_\_\_
- A dead Messiah was \_\_\_\_\_
- “*rise three days later*” – \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 9:45 – He \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 91:1-7 – “Yahweh, you’re my \_\_\_\_\_”

**Verses 34-37...PRIDE**—For the disciples everything that Jesus says is screened through their filter of prideful ambition, an appetite that can never be satisfied. Politics provides a lesson in the power of ambition. After a presidential election, all the chairs of high office are up for grabs. Insiders call it “Potomac fever” a catchphrase for unbridled ambition. Under the intoxicating spell of ambition, the disciples fell prey to the same insatiable appetite... “who’s the greatest?”

### ***Pride Destroys Unity***

- Disciples’ focus = \_\_\_\_\_
- “they kept silent” \_\_\_\_\_
- Phil. 1:27 – pride prevents \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Pride forfeits Honor***

- Pride keeps us from \_\_\_\_\_
- In God’s economy honor is \_\_\_\_\_
- Matt. 23:5-7 – \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Pride rejects Deity***

*A child:*

- Yet to \_\_\_\_\_
- Analogous to \_\_\_\_\_
- How we treat fellow believers = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Matt. 18:1-6 – \_\_\_\_\_

**Verses 38-40...PREJUDICE**—For John, the issue is the unnamed exorcist doesn’t belong to the Twelve. For Jesus, the issue centers in the fact that His name is invoked and devils are cast out. Whoever the exorcist, he accurately perceives the power of Jesus’ name and in that name, performs miracles.

- Pride creates \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus’ perspective “One who is \_\_\_\_\_”
- Phil. 1:15-18 – \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 41...REWARD**—Is it too radical to assume that no Christian should be naked, thirsty, or hungry if others in our fellowship have clothes, water, and food? What about beyond our fellowship?

- Positive aspect of humility – \_\_\_\_\_
- Prov. 22:4 reward = \_\_\_\_\_