

Small Group Questions

Speaker: Pastor Dave Hentschel
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Text: Ezekiel 28:1-19
Sermon Title: “Humble yourself or Be Humbled.”

1. The danger of pride (vv. 1–5): The prince of Tyre became proud because of his wisdom, wealth, and accomplishments. Why do you think success and prosperity can make it difficult for us to recognize our dependence upon God?

2. The illusion of self-sufficiency (vv. 2, 9): God reminds the ruler of Tyre, "You are but a man, and no god." In what areas of life are we most tempted to live as though we are in control or don't need God?

3. Recognizing pride: Pride can be difficult to recognize in ourselves. What are some subtle ways pride manifests itself in our relationships, families, workplaces, or even in the church?

4. The corruption of good gifts (vv. 12–17): The king's beauty, wisdom, and privilege became sources of pride rather than gratitude. What good gifts from God can become sources of temptation if we aren't careful?

5. God's opposition to pride: Why is pride such a serious offense against God? How does understanding God's sovereignty help us cultivate humility?

6. The example of Christ: How does Jesus, particularly in Philippians 2:5–11, provide a contrast to the pride of the king of Tyre? What does Christlike humility look like in everyday life?

7. A heart examination: When you experience success, recognition, or accomplishment, is your first instinct to take credit, seek affirmation, or give thanks to God? What might help you grow in gratitude?

8. Stewardship and the church: As we look toward MBC's next chapter, how can we ensure that our investments in parking, campus redevelopment, and ministry resources reflect faithful stewardship rather than institutional pride or ambition?

9. Investing in the next generation: Initiatives like Eat This Book, discipleship development, and preparing our campus for future ministry are intended to help future generations follow Christ. What responsibility do we have to prepare the next generation spiritually?

10. Personal application: First Peter 5:6 calls us to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand. What is one specific area where God may be calling you to greater humility, dependence, or faithful stewardship this week?