

WEEK THREE
WEEK TWO REVIEW
PRIDE. AMBITION. ARROGANCE.

Using this supplemental guide, discuss with the group their experiences with week one's devotional through the Psalms of ascent, the artistic expression, and the breathing prayer exercise.

READ PSALM 131: 1

Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty. I do not get involved with things too great or too wondrous for me.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL:

Last week we explored the verse one and the concepts of pride, ambition, and arrogance. We looked at a few examples from the New Testament as well as Proverbs, to reinforce what we learned from Psalm 131.

Discuss:

- What did God teach you about pride, ambition, and arrogance this week?
- How did the stories of the Rich Fool, the passage from James, and the Rich Young Ruler, help you better understand these concepts? Which of these stories did you connect with most?
- Is it wrong to have future goals or money? How does our reliance on future goals and finances cause us to depend on ourselves instead of God?
- What should be our perspective when looking toward the future and acquiring wealth?
- How can we surrender our pride, ambition, and arrogance to God? Why does God want us to that?

PRAYER EXERCISE: Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, Latin for Divine Reading, allows us to connect with God as we read and meditate on a passage of scripture. We read through Psalm 131 four times each time asking God to speak and reveal his truth to us.

Discuss:

- Did you participate in this prayer exercise?
- How did the multiple readings of Psalm 131 deepen your connection or understanding to this psalm?
- What word or phrase did you focus on? What do you think God was saying to you through that word?
- How was God calling you to respond based on your reading of Psalm 131? Did you respond? Why or why not.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION: Life Paths

You were invited to create an artistic representation of your life path, inspired by Proverbs 3:5-7, as you reflected on the meandering roads you took because of pride and the straight paths that came from following Jesus.

Discuss:

- How did this experience shape your view of your life?
- How did you display your windy paths? Why did you choose to represent it that way?
- Did it help you see the times in life you let pride rule?
- Did it help you see the value of surrendering to Jesus?

RETURN:

Go back to the main lesson. Wrap up with the CLOSING TIME prayer or choose an additional option in PATHS FOR THE JOURNEY.