

James - Pride and Humility, Riches and Poverty

Recap: What have you learnt from James so far about prayer & wisdom and perseverance?

Read through James and take note of situations where pride/self-confidence and humility is mentioned and contrasted.

From reading James, what do you understand pride and humility to mean?

Can you relate to any of the situations mentioned? What things in our lives make us proud/humble?

Split into groups and read Luke 18 v 9-14. Compare the attitudes of the Pharisee and the tax collector to God, to themselves and to others.

Pharisee	Tax collector

What do Jesus' words at the end mean for us?

We are aware that pride is a problem in ourselves, but do we ever think humility can be a problem too....

Read James 4 v 6-10. What does real humility look like? Can you think of any examples of it in the Bible or our lives?

Do you think we are ever guilty of false humility? How?

Riches and Poverty.....

Who do you identify with when you think about rich and poor people?

Read James 5 v 1-6.

James uses strong language about wealth and riches – why? Is it a sin to be rich? Surely there have been rich followers of God?

Read about the Rich Man in Mark 10 v 17 – 25 and the poor widow in Luke 21 v 1-4.
These passages show two opposite attitudes to giving. Who do you most identify with?

What sacrifices are you making, or not making, for God?

Tying it all together....

How do you think riches/poverty interrelate with pride and humility?