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...in Christ's Humility

HUMILITY TESTS

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Introduction:

Four Tests for Humility:

1. The _____ Test

- ◆ Proud people show _____.
- ◆ Humble people show _____.

2. The _____ Test

- ◆ Proud people are quick to _____.
- ◆ Humble people are quick to _____.

3. The _____ Test

- ◆ Proud people express " _____ " _____...
- ⇒ ...through _____
- ⇒ ...through _____
- ⇒ ...through _____

- ◆ Humble people express _____
- ⇒ ...through _____
- ⇒ ...through _____
- ⇒ ...through _____

2. The _____ Test

- ◆ Proud people _____ reject Jesus' _____.
- ◆ Proud people _____ receive Jesus' _____.

Personal Reflection and Application:

Ask God to search your heart through each “humility test,” examining why any pride might exist:

1. **The Partiality Test:** Do you show partiality to people based on your perception of them?

2. **The Judgment Test:** Are you quick to judge harshly or graciously?

3. **The Love Test:** Do you love Jesus and others with...
 - ◆ ...half-hearted or whole-hearted service?
 - ◆ ...maintaining distance or drawing near?
 - ◆ ...minimizing expense or lavishing expense?

4. **The Faith Test:** Do faithlessly reject or faithfully accept Christ’s forgiveness? Do you believe that Jesus NEEDS to, CAN and DOES forgive your sin?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read 7:36-38 and James 2:1-9. Which is harder for you to believe: that Jesus welcomed the sinful woman, or that he was attending the party of a Pharisee? Why would partiality in either direction reveal pride in our hearts?

- 2) Read Luke 7:39-40 and Luke 6:37-38. What harsh judgments does Simon quickly make? What are reasons we could rush to make harsh judgments of Jesus or other people? How are the judgments of Jesus different?

- 3) Read Luke 7:41-48 and Luke 6:27-36. In what way is our love toward Jesus and others a test of our humility?

- 4) Read Luke 7:48-50. What is the relationship between faith and humility? Which doubt do you tend to gravitate toward: believing Jesus NEEDS to, CAN, or WOULD forgive your sins?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Lift up bold requests to God, recognizing that you can only make them through the name of Jesus, surrendering your request to his authority.