



Discussion Guide

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Discussion Questions	Leader Notes
<p>Wired to Boast Dr. Harry Ironside was once convicted about his lack of humility. A friend recommended as a remedy, that he march through the streets of Chicago wearing a sandwich board, shouting the scripture verses on the board for all to hear. Dr. Ironside agreed to this venture and when he returned to his study and removed the board, he said "I'll bet there's not another man in town who would do that." Donald Campbell, Daniel, Decoder of Dreams, p. 22.</p>	<p>Helpful Hint: Get people involved in the discussion by asking non-threatening questions that will engage the whole group.</p>
<p>Discussion Kick Off</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is the wisest person you know? Tell the group about them and explain why you consider them to be wise. 2. Choose one: What is the wisest decision you've ever made? What is the "not so" wisest decision you've ever made? 	<p><i>Stuart said, "The confusion that you bring to your life comes from the moments when you choose to listen to the selfish, greedy, power-hungry wisdom of the world rather than the peace-loving, contented, pure wisdom of God."</i></p>
<p>Evaluate It</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James wrote, "Humility that comes from wisdom." How/why does humility come from wisdom? 2. What does it mean to "harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart?" Give an example. 3. When have you seen "selfish ambition lead to disorder and every evil practice?" Explain. 4. How do we "sow in peace," and how does this, "raise a harvest of righteousness?" 	<p>Read James 3:13-18. Make it more interesting by reading from the Message version (free on the You Version Bible App).</p>
<p>Make It Personal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Stuart said, "The confusion that you bring to your life comes from the moments when you choose to listen to the selfish, greedy, power-hungry wisdom of the world." What causes you to listen to that kind of wisdom? How do you talk yourself into it? How do you squelch the voice of the Holy Spirit during those moments?</i> 2. Is your life more often filled with thoughts and words of bitterness, selfishness, greed, boasting and lying? Or, prayer, needs of others, time in the Bible, time listening to the truth and Godly values? What has your focus? 3. How do we do it? How do we make the choice(s) that leads to righteousness and avoid a life of confusion? 	<p>Leaders, if any of your group members are interested in serving, direct them to the link on fccetown.com that was mentioned in the sermon.</p>
<p>Perception Calibration William Beebe, the naturalist, used to tell this story about Teddy Roosevelt. At Sagamore Hill, after an evening of talk, the two would go out on the lawn and search the skies for a certain spot of star-like light near the lower left-hand corner of the Great Square of Pegasus. Then Roosevelt would recite: "That is the Spiral Galaxy in Andromeda. It is as large as our Milky Way. It is one of a hundred million galaxies. It consists of one hundred billion suns, each larger than our sun." Then Roosevelt would grin and say, "Now I think we are small enough! Let's go to bed."</p>	<p>At the end of the discussion take a moment to take prayer requests from the group (if you haven't done so) and pray for your group before you end your time together.</p>

Starting a Table or Life Group? Take a look at the helpful information below:

Who establishes and makes up a table or life group?

1. Husband & Wife
2. Family
3. 2-5 Guys
4. 2-5 Ladies
5. 2-5 Couples

Where do they meet?

1. Kitchen table
2. Coffee table
3. Cafe table
4. Restaurant table
5. Picnic table
6. Work table
7. Round table

- Meeting (how often, how long): Weekly or bi-weekly (day and time is decided by the group). No more than 2 hours.
- Who should lead a table or life group? Leadership can be shared or the group may choose a leader.
- How long should the group stay together? The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together at the end of that time, but initially groups should stay together 6-8 weeks.
- What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table? No table or life group should have more than 15 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 15 participants, there are two options:
 - Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 15) or
 - Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants)
- If you have any questions or would like to establish a life group, please contact Jason Fox at 270-765-4994 or jason@fccetown.com.

If you would like to talk with a minister,
call 270-765-4994 to set up an appointment or contact.

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