

WEEK THIRTY, DISCIPLE MAKING

Chapter 6, "What's So Terrible About Pride," RSG

This week's study is one that may be easy for some to gloss over. **Pride is a deceptive sin!** It is one that is easy to miss and even harder to remove from our heart.

Logan reminds us, "Sometimes we forget; pride was the original sin in God's universe. Before Adam and Eve were ever created and placed in the Garden of Eden, the angel Lucifer, who stood in the very presence of God, allowed his heart to swell with pride at his exalted position. His pride led him into foolish rebellion as he tried to usurp the throne of God. Is it any wonder then that the one who became Satan would use pride as one of his most effective weapons?" (Page 107)

The following questions are given to aid you as you lead the discussion this week and apply the truths from Chapter 6. It is not imperative for you to use these questions or to cover all of them.

- **Logan writes about Satan's pride statements *in his heart* about God. He writes, "The last of Satan's 'I will' claims recorded in Isaiah 14 is the most important for our purposes. 'I will be like the Most High' (vs 14). What Satan was saying here is that he wanted to be like God in control, but not in character. He wanted to rule. He wanted to run his own life" (Page 109). Our week 29 memory verse commanded us to, "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).**
 - **Give examples of pride. Discuss how it can be such a hidden sin. Make sure and include areas such as: religious pride (you know more than others, you live a better life than others), egotistical pride (I don't need God-I can live a good life by myself), and Christian pride (I've been saved too long and am too respected by others to confess my sins and my needs).**
 - **Discuss the relationship between pride and Satan gaining ground in your life. Bro. Steve often says, "Prayerlessness is one of the greatest demonstrations of pride. Prayerlessness is saying, 'God, I don't need You today. I can handle things.'"**

- **Logan gives us a significant insight when he writes, “When you attempt to run your own life, when you say, ‘God, You rule heaven, I’ll rule me,’ you are most like Satan” (Page 109). While we would never say those words out loud, discuss how pride (independence from God) gives ground to Satan and sets us up for more Satanic strongholds.**
- **Make sure and point out and perhaps go over some of the Higher Ground applications Logan gives. (Page 114).**

Our verse next week is Ephesians 6:12.