

## Connect Group notes 11 March 2024

Chris concluded the series on Sunday entitled 'Walking in the opposite spirit'. He focused specifically on the area of pride and humility.

Chris talked about two kingdoms, the 'kingdom of this world' and the 'Kingdom of God'. The former being led by our enemy satan, filled with pride and arrogance and the latter led by Jesus who shows us that sacrifice and humility are what God uses to raise us up.

We get to choose which kingdom we will allow to disciple us.

Proverbs 3:34 – "(God) shows favour to the humble..."

1 Peter 5:6-7 – "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time"

1. Scripture tells us that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble – this includes us as his people
  - Have we ever given thought about the fact that when we experience challenges, we could ask God to show us if there is any arrogance or pride in our lives?
  - Why can it be difficult to acknowledge those areas of our lives where we know there is pride and arrogance?
  - What might be the ramifications of not allowing God to change us in these areas?
  
2. Chris said that pride and greatness grow in the same soil, and that "God doesn't expect us not to grow in greatness, but to weed out arrogance and pride"
  - What does greatness look like in God's kingdom?
  - How do we aim for greatness and also retain humility (think of the example of Jesus) see Philippians 2: 6-11
  - Why can this be difficult to do in our current culture?

3. Our job is to humble ourselves – God’s is to lift us up – and He wants to do this.

Have someone read Luke 14:7-11

- Consider what humility is, other than what popular culture has led us to believe?
- Why might we exalt ourselves prematurely? Do we distrust God’s timing or good plans for our lives?
- Discuss our understanding of what it might mean that we get to choose how we arrive at humility?

Read at the conclusion if you would like to

*Humility is found in the person who...*

*Finds contentment in the present moment*

*Is teachable*

*rejoices in the success of others*

*Finds it easy to say sorry*

*Accepts correction*

*Maintains a sense of humor in challenging situations*

*Is willing to consider other’s perspectives*

*Has the approach to life as a continuous learning journey*

*Prays*

*Chooses to live in the opposite spirit*