**Text**: Mark 9:33-37

**Topic**: God’s Economy/Pride

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**Battle for the Front Seat**

“Understanding the harmful nature of pride.”

**Text**: **Mark 9:33-37**, “**33**And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” **34**But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. **35**And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” **36**And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, **37**“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.” **English Standard Version**

*Understanding the harmful nature of pride requires you to*…

**Point #1**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.33-34**

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**Point #2**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.35**

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**Point #3**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.36-37**

**Corollary Verses**: Colossians 3:17; Acts 17:28; Luke 9:47; Mark 10:41; Romans 12:3-5; Philippians 2:5-8; Proverbs 16:18; Matthew 23:5-7; Luke 14:8-11; and 1 Peter 5:5.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Romans 12:3-5** then answer the following questions. There is a balance in the Romans passage that must be maintained in order to avoid pride and arrogance; what is it? Why is it necessary to evaluate your gifts and abilities with sobriety? Why is it necessary to see other people as gifted by God? If God is the one who assigns to us and gives us our gifts, why is it foolish to be prideful (**Eph.4:11**)?

2.) Read **Proverbs 16:18**; **Isaiah 14:12-14**; **Ezekiel 28:11-19;** and **Daniel 4:28-33** then answer the following questions. What happens to those who are filled with pride? Why is this sin such a slap in the face to God? After reading these passages are you more motivated to avoid pride? Why?

3.) Read **Luke 14:8-11**; **1 Peter 5:5-6**; and **James 4:6-10** then answer the following questions. How does it make you feel to know that you stand in opposition to God when you are prideful? Do you understand what that means? Do you know what the consequences are for opposing God (***Hebrews 12:6-11***)? According to these passages what does it take to be exalted and who is the one who exalts?

4.) Take the pride examination below. Then, as painful as it may be, identify areas that you struggle with. You do not have to share these with the group, if you don't want to, but I humbly encourage you to do so.

1. Am I upset if I am not praised for my work?
2. Do I like and even long to sit at the head of the table in the seat of honor?
3. Do I seek credit for what others have done?
4. Do honorary titles pump me up?
5. Is popularity crucial to my sense of self-worth?
6. Am I a name dropper of those I know (or pretend to know)?
7. Do I think I have something valuable to say about almost everything?