



WONDER US

Week 1

BREAKING THE ICE

Serve the City will be here in just a few weeks. How do you like to physically serve the community around you?

Annie started her message talking about sports teams. What is your favorite sports team? What are some of the reasons you chose to follow your favorite team?

MAIN CONTENT

Last week Pastor Kevin reminded us of the good news of Christ. We know our relationship with Him is the most important thing in our lives. The next important thing is, our relationship with others (Matthew 22:36-40).

Everyone wants people around them, but we all don't have what we want. We all have varying degrees of loneliness in our lives. It could be in friendships, marriage or even family dynamics.

1. What area of your life are you hoping for relationship or experiencing difficulty in relationship?

We all have some loneliness. But we also know that none of our relationships are perfect. There is nothing simple about relationships. Over the next few weeks in our "Wonder Us" sermon series, we will be talking about how to have healthy relationships in our lives.

Read Romans 12:1a

Because God is merciful and sent His son Jesus, He gives us a way to live. The first thing we need to learn about how to live Godly, healthy relationships is humility.

"Humility is not thinking less than yourself it is thinking of yourself less". - C.S. Lewis

2. How easy or hard is it to think of yourself less? What changes could you make in your life to think of yourself less?

When we think of ourselves less, we combat pride. We all have the opportunity to fight pride. In order to fight pride, we have to get humble and show honor. Showing honor is where you see each others wins and call them out, even when someone's win competes with the best of you.

3. Is there someone in your life or a type of person you find it hardest to show honor to? What makes it hard? How can you show honor to them?

Jesus showed us how to honor someone who does something similar to you. He honored John the Baptist for how John obeyed God, baptized and preached. (Matthew 11:7-11)

It doesn't cost us to honor someone else. The first way we can learn to get humble and show honor is to observe it.

Read Romans 12:9-10

When we see others serve others, love others and put others above themselves we see humility.

4. Who is one person you see that serves others first and thinks of themselves less?

The next thing we do is we invite humility. We pray against pride and invite humility into our lives. Pride tells us it's not important but it leads us all the time. When we pray for humility, God gives us the opportunity to walk in humility.

5. When is the last time you prayed for humility in your life? How did you see God move through that prayer?

Read Proverbs 16:18

Proverbs tells us that pride leads to destruction. The bigger the ego, the harder the fall. When we humble ourselves before the Lord, He will honor us and lift us up so we don't have to lift ourselves up.

6. How have you seen pride bring destruction in your life?

Read Proverbs 11:2

Humility brings wisdom. The third thing we have to do to invite humility in our lives is to practice it. We have the opportunity to show honor and practice humility. Humility is not a feeling, it's a practice.

7. Who is someone that actively practices humility in your life?

It only takes one person in the relationship to get humble and serve each other. Once one person in the relationship practices humility; the relationship gets better.

At the end of the message Annie read a scripture about fasting. Annie encouraged us to fast from pride.(Matthew 6:16-18) When we choose to fast from pride it helps all of our relationships.

CLOSING PRAYER

God thank-you for the friendships and relationships that you have placed in our lives. Please show us the relationships we are missing and help us find them so we can glorify you. Please show us the relationships that are harmful and that need to be handed over to you. Please bring pride to the center and so it can no longer hide in our lives. Show us what is missing and change us, God, so the relationships can change. Open our hearts to humility and the things that will make our hearts stronger in relationship with you and others.

ACTION STEP

+ Spend some time observing, praying and inviting humility in your life this week. Ask God to help you be humble. He will give you the opportunities and the grace to choose humility.

+ Fast from pride this week and actively work on humility with someone you compete with. Pray for guidance and see how that relationship changes. Come back next week and share what happens.

+ Next Sunday, April 23rd is baptism Sunday. If you or someone in your group would like to be baptized go to www.crosspoint.tv/baptism to sign - up.

+ Serve the City is April 29th. Sign -up with your group at <https://crosspoint.tv/local-good/> to go love your community with no strings attached.