

The Key to Growth

Message Reflection Guide

At one time or another, we've all faced this temptation: We want everyone around us to think we have it all together. If we truly seek growth and change, pride is the biggest obstacle. Humility is the only way to receive the life that God has for us.

God is all about exchanging something we are holding onto to give us something better. To recognize what needs to go, we need to be teachable. And we can't be teachable without being humble.

Being teachable and humble goes against our nature. God not only opposes pride, He also gives us the grace to overcome our prideful natures and become humble like Jesus was. Obedience to Jesus requires the humility to accept correction, to admit our needs, and to expose our weaknesses. Instead of focusing on our self-image, we will be transformed into His glorious image – **David Hall**

CONVERSATION STARTER

Now that summer has arrived, what are you looking forward to doing this season?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read Acts 18:24-28 On Sunday Pastor Jason said "A teachable disciple is a growing disciple." Apollos appeared to have it all together, what do you think would have happened to his ministry if he ignored the guidance on Priscilla and Aquilla? Who has been a Priscilla or Aquilla in your life and what have you learned from them?

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17 The phrase is used; "all scripture is God breathed", what does that mean to you? What is your understanding of the process by which the books of the bible were penned by multiple authors to reflect the true voice of God? What does that tell you about the value of being a "student" of the word of God?

How do you react when someone points out a personal flaw?
Are you willing to share your weaknesses and failures to help someone else? Why or why not?
How does understanding that Jesus was humble and teachable make it easier for you to do the same?
What is the danger of developing an "I Have Arrived" attitude?

A teachable person:

- is aware of their own sinfulness and corruption.
- is humble.
- understands the value of receiving and offering grace.
- is a skilled listener.
- is willing to take an honest and sober look at their own heart and life.
- seeks out spiritual mentors and/or accountability.
- loves the Bible.
- is an imitator of Jesus.

Of these descriptions of a teachable person, which area do you need to grow in?

CHALLENGE

As you examine your heart, can you recognize any prideful attitudes that would prevent growth? As you think about the character of Jesus, in what way would you like your life to grow as a greater reflection of His? Who are you allowing to speak truth into your life so that you can be spurred on to greater faith in Jesus?