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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 23, 2025 | *The Four Crowns (Week 1)*

Memory Verse - *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. – Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)*



CLOSER TOGETHER _____

1. Do you have a favorite hat? If so, why is it your favorite?
2. Share about a time you had a humbling experience.



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
2. Read **1 Samuel 9:1-2, 15-16; 10:9-10, 22-24** together.
3. What is one area where you have influence, abundance, authority or responsibility? Share one way you struggle in this realm.
4. How are you currently using what you've been given to glorify God?
5. Read **1 Samuel 15:10-12** together. What are the two reasons explicitly given by God for why Saul failed as king? What did these two things seem to foster in Saul's life (see **verse 12**)?
6. How are **pride** and **envy** related?
7. *On a scale of 1-10, how difficult is it for you to celebrate other people's success? Why?*
8. What is one way you can guard against pride in your life?



GOING DEEPER

READ Luke 14:7-14 together.

1. What is one thing that jumps out at you from this passage?
2. Even though it is not as common to have seating hierarchies in our culture today, what is one way that our culture determines importance or prestige? Where do you experience this happening in your context?
3. Which is more desirable – to show humility or to be humbled? Share about how you have seen one or the other (or both) happen in your life.
4. What is one way you could show humility and *take the lesser seat* in your life?
5. Read **Philippians 2:3-4** together. How is practicing humility toward others more of a lifestyle than simply good manners? How does contentedness help to cultivate this type of lifestyle in you?
6. According to this passage, does your humility *always* lead to your being raised up and exalted? If yes, how so? If no, why not?
7. How does *inviting people in* who can't repay you help keep pride in check?
8. How does keeping an eternal perspective help you remain humble?



LIVING IT OUT

1. Meditate on this verse from **John 3:30** "*He must become greater; I must become less.*" Pray that God would help you to fade from the forefront in every area of your life, particularly those places where you wear a crown.
2. Who is one person/family you could invite to do something with? People who cannot repay you, but that you are willing to love and serve as you work at developing a lifestyle of humility.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP

Take time to pray for each other.