



# AWAKEN TO HUMILITY

May 16 | Discussion Guide

(~90 minutes needed)

## **Begin with Scripture, silence + prayer (5-10 minutes)**

**Read all of Psalm 25** to begin your time together. *This week's topic is "Awaken to Humility" so the purpose of this reading is to soak in the humility and mercy from the Psalmist's words here.*

After you finish reading the verse, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together – that your conversation and your words will be pleasing to God and uplifting to others.

## **Recap from last week's devotions and practice as a large group (5 minutes)**

Spend some time talking about what resonated with you from your devotions this past week.

After a week of engaging in Dan's challenge to make a mark on your hand anytime you disparaged anyone with your words or allowed unwholesome talk to come out of your mouth, what have you noticed about your speech? What have you noticed about your heart?

**Split into smaller co-ed groups for Scripture and a debrief of the sermon (allow 45 minutes).** *There are several questions here, pick some out that you think your group needs to talk through.*

- **Read James 4:1-5:6 twice** (*yes, twice!*). As you read, have your group prayerfully consider which section, words, or phrases most challenge them in their current season of life.
- In this sermon, Dan spoke about how James is confronting our selfishness, priorities, judgmentalism, arrogance, and wealth. Which of these areas do you think you most need to grow in? Explain.
- In Dan's sermon, he talked about the difference between a "my life for me" attitude and a "my life for you" attitude. Which attitude do you think you live out of most often? Why do you say that?
- When have you seen selfishness get in the way living at peace or harmony with a friend, a coworker, a family member, or a life group member?

- After confronting our selfishness, James goes on to confront our priorities. Take a moment to share how one might measure what their priorities are in life. Then, do an honest evaluation about your top 3-5 priorities. Where do God and His kingdom fall on that list? Are you satisfied with your answer? Why or why not?
- Dan emphasized **James 4:11-12** in his sermon and talked about how James is confronting our judgmentalism. How do Jesus' words in **Matthew 7:1-5** relate here?
- Read **James 4:13-17** again. Do you think that by making plans to do one thing or another it is arrogant? How do you reconcile James' words here? How can you implement more humility in how you set your schedule?
- One of the last things that James confronts us is our wealth. Dan showed how James confronts our hoarding, cheating, and indulging. Which of those three areas (hoarding, cheating, indulging) most applies to you? How can you be generous even this week?

### **Transition back to one large group for recap (5-10 minutes)**

- What were some of the things that came up during your individual group discussions? Have each smaller group share something that stood out from their discussions.

**Transition to smaller same-gender groups for accountability (20 minutes).** *Ask some of the questions below to hold one another accountable. Don't feel like you have to use this list like a checklist. If needed, feel free to stop, dive deeper, and pray over one another.*

- In **James 4:4-10**, James says that when we dabble in friendship with the world, we are adulterous and at enmity with God. In what ways have you dabbled with friendship with the world lately?
- In what way do you need to humble yourself before the Lord?
- In these verses James confronted our wealth. In what ways have you indulged financially lately that you shouldn't have and when you should have been generous instead?
- What sorts of things do you need to set straight in your life to again be faithful to God?
- How can this group support you in living faithfully?
- What has prayer time been like for you this week?
- What has your time in Scripture been like this week?
- In what ways have you wrestled with temptation this week?

### **Finish with intercessory prayer in your split groups (10 minutes)**

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.