

Series: *Killing Pride, Cultivating Humility*

Before sermon: Redeemed people...SING THE WORD (February – Romans 11:33-36)

Next Sunday morning I hope to begin a four-part series in Romans 6, “*No Longer a Slave to Sin.*” The Lord willing, we’ll then move into another four-week series that will take us up to Resurrection Sunday called, *In the Shadow of the Cross*, an exposition of Isaiah 53.

I had intended for today’s message to be the last in our series *Killing Pride, Cultivating Humility*. But intentions change. There’s one more message coming, I think 😊. But more is needed, and that’s a message that will take place (the Lord willing) in our second Sunday evening service March 9, entitled, “*Glory to God: The Remedy for Pride.*” When I am proud, I pursue my own glory. When I am humble, I pursue God’s glory. These are the two options in every situation, in every conversation I have with someone, in every choice I make. Glory to me. Or glory to God. Glory to me is *pride*. Glory to God is *humility*. More about that on Sunday evening, March 9.

Now back to the question we’ve been asking. *What does humility look like?* This morning we’re going to open God’s Word and behold the greatest model of humility the world has ever seen. Let’s read about Him and then ponder His life together.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:13-25

About twenty years ago, the summer before our daughter Julie’s senior year in high school, we took her to a summer class at college and participated in a parent-student orientation. One of the sessions began with an interesting exercise. The parents watched as the professor divided the students into four groups. He then gave each group a jigsaw puzzle which they were to put together. When he gave the go-ahead, each group started assembling their puzzle. It was fun watching the young men and women learn how to work together in accomplishing their task. Something interesting happened. Three of the groups finished at about the same time, but one of the groups finished far ahead of the others. It became obvious why. The professor had given one of the groups the box-top for the puzzle which showed a picture of the finished product. While the other groups had to guess what the finished product would look like, the group with the picture knew exactly what their work was supposed to produce.

Is it possible to assemble a puzzle without the box-top picture? Sure. It just takes longer. But it makes the process easier if you can visualize the intended outcome.

We’ve been working on a project for the past five weeks. We’re seeking to become a church made up of individuals who are exhibiting humility by the grace of God. *God resists the proud but He gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).*

We’ve attempted to define and recognize pride and how to get rid of it. We’ve also investigated God’s Word to understand what humility is and mapped out a daily routine for developing it. In the past two weeks we’ve looked at biblical examples of humility, first in the Old Testament and then in the New Testament.

How do we become humble people? Others have contemplated this question. Back in the twelfth century, Bernard of Clairvaux, a Roman Catholic monk³, identified

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² For a previous development of this important topic, please see the series at WBC in 2006.

twelve steps of pride in his work *The Steps of Pride (and Humility)*.⁴ Pride is like a journey up a mountain and humility a journey down the mountain, and the journey includes these steps:

1. Curiosity
2. Levity
3. Giddiness
4. Boasting
5. Singularity
6. Self-conceit
7. Presumption
8. Self-justification
9. Hypocritical confession
10. Revolt
11. Freedom to sin
12. Habit of sinning

So how do we become humble? By identifying and taking steps? No. Steps can be helpful, but it's actually much more personal than, as we're about to see. We're about to ponder the *greatest model* of humility the world has ever seen. Indeed, the *perfect model*. I'm speaking, of course, of Jesus Christ. We learn two lessons as we ponder the perfect model.

I. As the perfect model Jesus shows us that we need a Savior.

Peter spent three years watching Jesus up close. He knew Jesus. He knew what He was like with firsthand knowledge and said this about the Lord in 1 Peter 2:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."⁵

Some people define a Christian simply as a person who follows Jesus. Granted, a Christian does follow Jesus, but the act of following is the consequence of a prior experience. The truth is, we are sinners and as such we lack the capacity to follow Jesus in a way that will please God. Before Jesus can be our model, He must be our *Savior*.

That's Peter's point here. Christ *bore our sins on the tree*. Because of Adam's sin every human being enters the world with a fundamental problem. We are sinners who are cut off from God, who lack a proper relationship with God, and who are incapable of reaching God. Simply put, even though we have a perfect model to follow, we lack the ability to stay in line.

Several years ago on a Wednesday evening, one of our children's classes took a field trip from their room to visit me in my study. The biggest challenge? Getting the little ones to walk from their room to my office. One of the leaders led the way with the three, four, and five year olds following her in a line. Or that's the way it was supposed to work. But along the way one child would dash out of line to get a drink, another would veer off course to do some exploring, and so on. Children have an innate desire to "get out of line." They received it from us.

³ Concerning this man, Stephen Nichols said, "Martin Luther and John Calvin looked on with favor and, to a certain degree, approval." <https://learn.ligonier.org/articles/bernard-of-clairvaux-and-mysticism>

⁴ Taken from Logos, Pennington, M. B. (1973). Introduction. In *The Steps of Humility and Pride* (Vol. 13A, pp. 16–17). Cistercian Publications.

⁵ Most quotations in this message are taken from the NIV 1984.

Friends, children and adults need more than someone to show them the way. Where did that desire to “go our own way” come from? We inherited it from Adam. But Adam isn’t solely to blame. The Bible teaches three very basic truths.

A. We have violated God’s Law. I have. You have. *Every person* willfully chooses to go his own way in God’s world. We read in Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”

We have fallen short. We cannot reach God. That’s why a model of humility isn’t enough. We’ve already stepped out of line and lack the ability to get back in line. But what we lacked, God in His mercy provided in His Son.

B. Jesus fulfilled God’s Law perfectly. Listen to Jesus’ own claim in Matthew 5:17, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them *but to fulfill them.*” And that’s what Jesus did. He lived a perfect life, thereby fulfilling God’s righteous standard. He never sinned, not once. He always did what was right, every time.

C. God forgives sinners who accept His Son. Even if I could “get back in line and stay in line” (which I lack the power to do, but let’s suppose for illustration’s sake I could), I would still be in trouble. Why? Because I’ve already broken rank in the past and according to God’s Law, the penalty must be paid. “The wages of sin (getting out of line) is death (Rom. 6:23).” A holy God cannot overlook sin. Sin requires a just payment. A sinner’s debt must be paid, and the payment required is eternal judgment.

But in His mercy, God has provided sinners with a way of escape. His Son went to the cross and on that cross took the penalty of sin in the place of every person who would accept Him as Savior. Because Jesus died and rose again, God forgives sinners who place their faith in His Son.

The Word of God tells us in 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” God grants forgiveness to any sinner who will accept the provision He made for them at the cross.

I’ll say it as plainly as I can. Until you know Christ as your Savior you are still in your sins and heading for eternal judgment. What’s more, you lack the ability to live the kind of life that pleases God. But once you confess the Lord Jesus as your Savior, God forgives you for “getting out of line” and gives you the righteous merit of His Son which will enable you to “stay in line” and please Him.

That’s the first lesson. As the perfect model Jesus shows us that we need a Savior. We might feel pretty good about our good deeds, but once we look at Jesus’ spotless life we’re confronted with our sinfulness and need for a Savior.

II. As the perfect model Jesus shows us how to live.

Occasionally I’ll hear the question, “Do you believe once saved always saved?” It’s usually a loaded question so I typically respond, “What’s your reason for asking?” And often I hear, “Well, do you believe a person can get saved and then live however they want and still go to heaven?” To which I answer, “Absolutely not. When God truly saves someone that person does not WANT to live the same way any longer, and a person who doesn’t WANT to live in obedience to God’s Word is indicating he was never saved to begin with.”

To put it another way, once we come to know Jesus as our *Savior* we gladly want to follow Him as our *model*. In fact, this is our calling, according to 1 Peter 2:21. “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, **that you should follow in his steps.**”

A century ago, Charles Sheldon wrote his classic book *In His Steps*, based on this verse. Jesus is our example. We are to live our lives in such a way that if people follow us they will end up following in His steps.

This raises the question, *how did He live?* And in a word the answer is *humbly*. Everything about Jesus speaks of humility. As we look at the footprints He left behind, we discover four primary ways in which He demonstrated humility.

A. He exhibited humility in His birth. It's impossible for our finite minds to appreciate the change in living conditions the Son of God experienced when He came to earth. He left heaven—the loving presence of His Father, the praise of the angels, conditions of absolute bliss and total comfort. He left all that and far more, and came to earth—where there's sickness, suffering, pain, disease, sin, and man's greatest foe, death itself.

But He didn't just come to earth. This was no casual, impersonal visit. He whom angel hosts adore entered this world as a *human*. The Maker came as a mortal. He robed Himself in human flesh.

I've tried to ponder this change of living conditions before by examining an anthill. Try it sometime. Bend over and look closely at an anthill. Observe those tiny creatures scooting along at frantic pace. And then imagine this. If those creatures were in danger and you could rescue them, would you do so? Would you do so if it required *you becoming an ant?* Not a chance.

Yet the truth is this. It would be less a step down for me to become an ant than for the Son of God to become a man. Is that true? Think about it. The human to ant transition is a move from being one kind of created being to another kind of created being. From creature to creature. But in Jesus' incarnation, the Almighty, Infinite Creator Himself became a creature!

Consider these comparisons offered by Michael McCutcheon:⁶

-If you flew around the world in a commercial airliner, at 550 mph, and didn't need to stop for fuel, it would take less than two days. If you could fly the same plane to the Sun, it would take more than 19 years.

-It takes one year for the Earth to rotate the Sun. It takes 225 million years for the Sun to rotate the Milky Way galaxy.

-When people take a trip to the country and look up into the vibrant night sky, at most, they see 2,500 stars. There are 80 million times more than that in the Milky Way, beyond human sight.

-The Sun is more than 330,000 times the mass of Earth. The supermassive black hole that's at the center of our galaxy, Sagittarius A, is about 4 million times the mass of the Sun.

I could go on and on. This universe is big. And there is not one place in this massive universe where God is absent. Isaiah 40:26 says, "Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." We're told in Isaiah 40:12 that God has "marked off the heavens with a span."

What's a "span"? It is the width of the human hand from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger. That's how big the universe is to God. He fits it between His thumb and little finger. You say, "God doesn't have a thumb or little finger, does He?" No. He is a Spirit, an omnipresent Spirit who is using this figure of speech to give us

⁶ <https://www.mic.com/articles/118366/9-stunning-comparisons-show-how-massive-the-universe-really-is>

some perspective on just how great He is! And this Infinite One who has no thumb nor finger took a tiny little thumb and finger and made them His own. How can that be? It's beyond the capacity of our miniscule minds to fathom the fullness of His demotion.

But there's more. He didn't just become a *man*. He chose to enter humanity in the lowliest of human circumstances. You know the story. Luke 2:7 says, "...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

He chose the home He would enter, but He bypassed the splendor of the Roman Emperor's palace, the dignity of the High Priest's dwelling, and went down, down, down the line. The King of kings chose a family so poor that his first bed was a cattle trough. Just think of the stale smells in that stable, the sounds, the sights He experienced the first night He came to earth.

And think of Peter's charge again, "To this you were called," Peter said, "because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, **that you should follow in his steps.**" This is our calling, beloved, to approach life humbly as did our Savior.

Paul emphasized the same point in Philippians 2:5-7. "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Without question, Jesus demonstrated humility in His birth. Yet this was just the beginning.

B. He exhibited humility in His life. He did so in countless ways but for time's sake I'll merely mention five.

1. *It's seen in His attitude towards authority.* Who was Jesus Christ? He was and is God Himself (John 1:1-2), the Creator of heaven and earth (Col. 1:15-16), the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16), and the One who sits on the throne of heaven and receives the worship of heavenly beings (Isa. 6:1ff). All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Him (Matt. 28:20). That's what makes the following so amazing. When He came to earth, He submitted Himself to other authorities. Yes, He chose to place Himself under authority. I'll give three examples.

a. He submitted to sinful parents. I once was counseling a young boy who had an anger problem, due in part to a bad home environment. He didn't have a dad in his life, and he was quick to point out his mom's faults. I took him to this passage which describes Jesus' childhood.

Luke 2:51 says, "Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them..." That certainly got my young friend's attention! His parents weren't perfect, but he wasn't either. Yet Jesus was! A perfect child with imperfect parents. Joseph and Mary struggled with anger at times, failed to get all the facts before they made decisions, and committed other blunders that sinful parents like us make.

They were *sinners*. And since they were sinners, how did Jesus respond to them? Did He tell them to mind their own business? No. Luke says he was *obedient* to them. Staggering. It's one thing to obey good authorities that make decisions you like, but Jesus submitted Himself to sinful parents (faults and all). That's humility. So is this.

b. He submitted to sinful government officials. It's not uncommon these days to hear people (including Christians) taking verbal potshots at government officials. Jesus didn't do that, not because the leaders of His day were good, for they were terribly self-absorbed, quite frankly. But Jesus willingly placed Himself under their authority. He once said this to critics who were trying to get Him to speak against the civil

authorities. In Luke 20:2, “He said to them, ‘Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.’” That’s amazing! The Ruler of the universe gives deference to a peon earthly emperor. That’s humility, and keep in mind *to this you were called*.

c. He submitted to divine authority. Just because Jesus Christ is the King of kings doesn’t mean He is not under authority, for He is. Not just *was*, but IS and ALWAYS HAS BEEN. As the second person of the Triune Godhead, the Son of God always submits to His Father.

Listen to two statements that Jesus made. The first is John 14:31, “...the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.” Though all-knowing, Jesus never did “His own thing.” Rather He always did exactly as His Father commanded Him.

Answer this. Why did Jesus die? The truth is, He died because His Father told Him to do so. No, He was not coerced. This was not cosmic child abuse as some suggest. This was a mutual decision but it is initiated by the command of the Father.

Jesus had this in mind when Peter tried to prevent the soldiers from arresting Him. Here’s the second passage. John 18:11 says, “Jesus commanded Peter, ‘Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?’”

How do you view authority? Jesus demonstrated humility in the way He viewed and responded to authority. We too have authorities in our lives. Parents, government officials, bosses, teachers, church leaders, coaches, and policemen. Are you known as a person who joyfully submits to authority? Is that your reputation? *To this you were called...* In His life, Jesus exhibited humility in a second way.

2. *It’s seen in His relationships.* With whom did Jesus spend time? Luke made this observation about the company Jesus kept in Luke 15:1. “Now the tax collectors and ‘sinners’ were all gathering around to hear him.”

In our day it wouldn’t be “tax collectors.” The text might read “drug dealers” and “pimps” and “Democrats” or “Maga Republicans” (depending on your political preference). The point is, Jesus hung out with undesirables.

Why? And why did they come? Because He loved them. No, He didn’t endorse their sin for sure, and called for radical change. Yet He humbled Himself, spent time with them and made it possible for them to change, even though His choice to associate with them would cause the “good” crowd to slander His reputation. Why did He take the risk? Because that’s what humility does.

And let’s not forget that He spent time with up-and-outers too. He went to the home of a Pharisee in Luke 7:36. Yes, Jesus exhibited humility in *all* His relationships, with prostitutes and legalists. He who is inherently good wasn’t *too good* for any sinner.

3. *It’s seen in His prayer life.* The fact is, the Son of God doesn’t need anything. As the Creator He is certainly all-sufficient. That’s what makes this statement so significant. We read in Mark 1:35, “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

This was Jesus’ regular practice, to begin His day in prayer, seeking His Father’s face and will. He didn’t do anything without first consulting His Father. It’s the lack of humility that causes us to rush into our day without first looking up. Jesus constantly spent time seeking His Father’s pleasure. Nowhere is this seen more vividly than in His Gethsemane prayer in Luke 22:42. “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet **not my will, but yours be done.**”

4. *It’s seen in His view of material things.* Many years ago the title of an article in a magazine caught my attention. It was a question. *If Jesus lived today, would He drive*

a BMW? Of course, there were no automobiles in His day, so we can only speculate about His would-be ride of choice. Yet we do read this statement in Matthew 8:20. These are Jesus' words. "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Jesus didn't own a home. He had no furniture, no closets full of clothing, no kitchen cabinets with a stockpile of food. It's not that He was *anti*-material things, for He wasn't. The gospel accounts tell us that He had some rich friends and even enjoyed fine meals at their homes. And there's nothing wrong with having material things.

The problem is thinking you *have to have them*. Jesus didn't and when He died, He left practically nothing behind except for the clothes on His back.

Here's where our pride gets in the way. We tell ourselves that we *deserve* a certain standard of living. Listen to Jonathan Edwards. "Pride is the main handle by which Satan grabs hold of Christian persons and is the chief source of all the mischief he introduces to clog and hinder the work of God."⁷

But there's more. We see Jesus' humility powerfully portrayed in this.

5. *It's seen in His response to mistreatment.* How do you respond when your boss takes advantage of you because you're a hard worker. Or when your child sits on the bench even though he's a better athlete, simply because the coach has his favorites. Or when your neighbor trashes your yard just for spite? Life is full of such injustice.

Here's how Jesus responded. We're told in 1 Peter 2:22-23. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

So, the humility He exhibited at His birth continued throughout His life. But nowhere do we see His humility more plainly than in His death.

C. He exhibited humility in His death. Philippians 2:8 sums it up, "And being found in appearance as a man, *he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!*" I know you know the story. We say the words all the time, *Jesus died for sinners*. But ponder anew what really happened in our Savior's death. Ponder the humility, indeed, the humiliation of it all. Let's consider three demonstrations.

1. *He refused to exercise His rights.* The fact is, Jesus could have prevented His death, as evidenced by what happened when the soldiers came to arrest Him. Listen to John 18:4-6. "Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "I am he," **they drew back and fell to the ground.**"

All Jesus had to do with speak a word and thousands of angels would have smitten that sword-bearing-mob and taken Him home to heaven. After all the good He'd done, the sick He had healed, the blind He had restored, the love He had shown, He had a right to better treatment than this.

But He didn't insist on His rights, but lay them aside for the good of others and the glory of God. This is what humility does. *To this you were called.*

2. *He chose to die in the place of sinners.* No, it doesn't make sense. The innocent one dying for the guilty ones? Unthinkable. But it happened. Listen to Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners,** Christ died for us."

⁷ Taken from Wayne Mack, *Humility*, p. 111.

For us. And let's not glamorize this. We were not a good catch for God. We were His enemy. We had gone "our own way", says Isaiah 53:6, and thus were guilty of cosmic treason. Just think of it. Living in His world as though it existed for us.

But the Son of God did the unthinkable. He didn't wait for us to get our act together, for we couldn't. He chose, in obedience to His Father, to take our place and to die our death. Yet that's not all.

3. *He willingly paid the debt of undeserving rebels.* How would you feel if the following happened at our local court house? Suppose a man who had raped and murdered a young child appeared before a judge for sentencing and cried out, "Oh Judge! I'm sorry! Please forgive me!" And suppose the judge responded to the sob story of the murderer-rapist, "Well, since you feel sorry about your crimes, I've decided to forgive you. You can go free."

How does that make you feel? You say, "That's a perversion of justice. That man deserves to pay a penalty!" And you are right. To be just, a judge cannot simply overlook a violation of the law.

My friends, God is the Judge, and He is just. For this reason, He cannot overlook even one transgression of His Law. Your sin and my sin require a penalty. It would be unjust for God to say, "Since you're sorry, I forgive you."

So what did God do? In eternity past, He along with His loving and obedient Son, designed a rescue plan. "My Son, You will go and take the place of the rebels. It will cause Me great sorrow to give You up, and You great sorrow to give up Your life. But in doing so we will express our grace and mercy. We will do for the unworthy rebels what they could never do for themselves. We will rescue them. Yes, their transgression must be paid. You will do it for them by becoming one of them.

But there's more. I want them to be like You, my dear Son. Those that You rescue will belong to You forever, and become like You, and exist for your praise and glory, forever and ever.

This was God's plan, and it's what He prophesied in Isaiah 53:4-7. "Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

There's never been a greater demonstration of humility, brothers and sisters, than the substitutionary death of God's Son. Never. And yet there's more.

You say, "How could there be more? Jesus conquered death, didn't He? He's exalted in heaven now, isn't He? He's going to set up His kingdom in the future, isn't He? So He'll never exhibit humility again, will He?"

Yes. Yes. Yes. And no. There's one often-overlooked demonstration of humility that Jesus will yet demonstrate.

D. He will exhibit humility in His response to personal glory. We read about this in 1 Corinthians where Paul tells us how God's plan for the ages will culminate.

This is 1 Corinthians 15:24-28. "Then the end will come, **when he [Christ] hands over the kingdom to God the Father** after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he 'has put everything under his feet.' Now when

it says that ‘everything’ has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. **When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him** who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.”

Picture this future scene. The Risen Christ is going to return and establish His kingdom over the world. He’s going reverse the curse that the first Adam brought on the world. He’s going to destroy every foe, including death itself. And then, with His people praising Him for His spectacular final accomplishment, He’s going to turn to His Father and say, “Mission accomplished. This is for You. It’s all for Your glory! I’ve served You as You asked, and I will always do so. I gladly place Myself in submission to You!”

That is humility. And remember, followers of Christ, *to this you were called*.

Make It Personal: In light of Jesus’ example, we have a choice to make.

Indeed, each of us has a choice to make. Charles Spurgeon believed that “every Christian has a choice between being humble or being humbled.”⁸ It starts right here.

1. *Make sure you know Jesus as your Savior.* No one follow Jesus as example without first receiving Him as Savior. We lack the power to do so. Is Jesus your Savior? Have you acknowledged your sin and asked Him to rescue you. If so, then this follows.

2. *Resolve to walk in His steps.* Every day, in every situation, in all things. Walk humbly with God and others. *To this you were called*.

Closing Song: #387 “O to Be Like Thee!” (all three verses)

Community Group Discussion:

1. We’re approaching the end of our series, *Killing Pride, Cultivating Humility*. How has the Lord used His Word in your life during this series of messages? After sharing, spend a few moments as a group expressing prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord for what He has been showing us.

2. Today we looked at the greatest model of humility. What did the Son of God leave behind when He left heaven? Take time to reflect on that question together and make a list of what it cost God’s Son to take up residence on earth.

3. Have each person write down five incidents from Jesus’ life (there are certainly more than five) that demonstrate humility, and the pick the one that stands out most. Next, have people share their top selection with the group as well as why they picked it.

4. We are called to “walk in His steps.” What are some ways our lives might be different this week if we truly walked in His steps?

5. What motivated Jesus to exhibit humility? Why is motivation important as we seek to kill pride and cultivate humility?

⁸ Taken from Stuart Scott, *From Pride to Humility*, p. 24.