

Small Group Study Sheet

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1. Last Sunday, our story showed how Paul chose accountability and submission in his life. Even though Paul was one of the most powerfully influential Christians of all time, he reported to the church leaders in Jerusalem what God had been doing and even allowed them to tell him what to do. His humility is a great example to us. Since humility as a way of life is not exactly natural for us, let's take some time and look at a few things the Bible teaches us about it.

What does humility bring into our lives?

Proverbs 11:2

Proverbs 15:33

Proverbs 22:4

James 4:6

So overall, the Bible presents humility as a pathway to some priceless stuff – what causes you to struggle with humility?

2. On Wednesday night, Jacob and Laban made a covenant. It is very interesting that Jacob could make any type of agreement with Laban after the way he'd been treated by his father-in-law. Why do you think Jacob was able to do this?

Is it possible to interact with untrustworthy people without having to live stressed out? How can we do that? (Are there any Biblical instructions that might shed some light on this?)

3. This Sunday, Paul's life took a turn into pandemonium. But God used it anyway. We saw the pitfalls of living with an "If only..." mindset. What does Psalm 118:24 tell us about that kind of mindset?