

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

1. September 28-October 4, 2008

Key Idea of the Week:

Before we can appropriately enter into a relationship with God we must humble ourselves and recognize our dependence on Him. Why is this so important? How can I approach God correctly in my life and not short-circuit the process by my pride?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Isaiah 2:6-11.

Discuss

What words, phrases or images jump out at you as you read this passage? Why?

How is life in Owen Sound similar to life as described in verses 6-8?

Isaiah identifies the root of idolatry as pride (verse 11). Do you agree? Why or why not?

Why is it so hard to submit to God and exalt Him instead of appeasing our own appetites?

When in your life is it easiest to become proud and independent from God?

Read Psalm 18:27 and Proverbs 16:18-19.

Discuss

Why is pride in our hearts so offensive to God?

If you were a proud, independent person, how would you know? Would you want to know?

What steps can you take to humble yourself before God this week?

Pray for any needs that arose during the discussion and for courage to act on what you've learned this week.