

True Humility

What's the Big Deal About Jesus? Part V

John 1:6-9, 19-37, 3:22-36

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True humility is reflected...

- A. As we understand who we are in light of who God is. (John 1:27, 3:31)

When we truly understand who Christ is, our pride and self-importance melts away.

- B. When we are ok when others don't choose us. (John 1:35-37)

- C. When our greatest joy is seeing Christ exalted. (John 3:26-29)

- D. When we are willing to become less in order to see Christ exalted. (John 3:30)

To what degree am I willing to become less so that Christ can be exalted?

“...you can live your entire life completely oblivious to the grand story of the Creator of the universe that is unfolding all around you. The same way you can spend your days making so much of someone as small and transient as you or me, and so little of someone as glorious and eternal as God...

It’s about looking up to see that there’s a story that has been going on long before you arrived on the planet and one that will go on long after you’re gone. God is the central character of this story and of this book. He commands center stage in existence, Creation, time, life, history, redemption, and eternity...

And here’s why it matters—if we don’t get the two stories straight, everything else in our lives will be out of sync. We’ll spend our days trying to hijack the Story of God, turning it in to the story of us. Inverting reality, we’ll live every day as though life is all about you and me. We’ll live as though life is our one-act play and history *our* story—as though Creation is our habitation alone, existence our playground, and God our servant...”

From *I Am Not But I Know I Am* by Louie Giglio, ©2005 by Louie Giglio, Multnomah Publishers, Inc., pp. 12-13.



Discussion Questions to go Deeper

Take some time this week to discuss these questions with family or friends:

1. Pastor Jeff said true humility is reflected in our lives as we understand who we are in light of who God is. Job 38 is a passage in the Bible that helps us see how big God is and how small we are. Read and reflect on it this week by yourself or with others.
2. Why do you think people become jealous of others who get all the attention? Do you ever find yourself becoming jealous of others for that reason?
3. When it comes to caring more about God's glory than your own, are you more likely to seek the attention and praise or are you more like John the Baptist who was happy to give all the praise to God?
4. How does the example of John the Baptist inspire you to live differently?
5. How can you display true humility this week by pointing others to our great God?

*For further study on our humility in light of who God is, check out the book *It's Not About Me* by Max Lucado. A teen edition is also available.