

Outline

7 Deadly Sins: Pride

Dr. Cloud begins this presentation on Pride by reminding us that “sin” simply means we have missed the mark. When we talk about sin, we are talking about how we miss out on life the way God intended us to live it - relying on Him. The story in Genesis about the fall gives us a clear example of the danger of this attitude of self-sufficiency. Pride is the original sin; all of our problems began here because of our desire to live life apart from God. Pride means that I want to be more than I am. You may be surprised to discover the different forms that pride can take in your life, and how destructive it is to you and to all of your relationships. Join Dr. Cloud as he gives us the antidote to pride - a very simple formula.

Small group discussion questions:

- 1) What kinds of pride do I identify with? Where do I struggle with pride, and in what ways do I try to be self-sufficient? Discuss the ways that pride lives itself out in your life.

- 2) Look at the generational aspects of the sin of Pride. Talk about family or church experiences that actually watered pride and encouraged it to grow.

- 3) How can you begin to get real about pride?