



Southern Sayin's—Week Four: Too Big for Your Britches

Connect: Think of a story about fireworks—whether you watched them, launched them, or otherwise... What comes to mind? Share it with your group!

Grow

1. **Read James 4:4-10.** How does pride get in the way of relationships—with both God and others? How does it prevent us from growing and maturing in our relationship with Jesus?
2. Jon said that ***Humility plus Honesty equals Honor.*** In other words, God promises to bless humble and honest people. What does this mean? How does it play out, practically?
3. To live lives of humility, we have to be aware of our blind spots. How can you best recognize a blind spot? Are blind spots more visible to ourselves, others or both? Why?
4. Get honest about your blind spots. Share with your group some the blind spots you are aware of in your life. How have you seen someone in denial of their blind spots run into trouble or challenges that could have been avoided?
5. Humility can be cultivated by the regular reminder, ***“Jesus died for me!”*** Why do we need to hear this on a regular basis? What does this reminder do for our attitudes and choices?
6. ***Before we sin, Satan whispers, “You should do this!” After we sin, Satan whispers, “Why did you do that?”*** How have you seen this play out in your life or the lives of people around you?
7. Jon summed up what he’s learned from poor choices in his life by saying, ***God knows what is best for me and wants what is best for me.*** How might we approach life differently when we’re convinced that this statement is true?
8. Jon held up a \$100 bill this weekend and demonstrated the fact that, even if it was rolled up, wadded up, stepped on, dirty, or mangled, we’d still want it. Why? ***Because its value isn’t determined by its condition.*** Apply this fact to the way God feels about *you*, how He values *you*. Why does our Good Father value us the way He does, in spite of the condition we’re in? How does this hit home with you today?
9. **Read Matthew 25:31-46.** How does this scripture capture the value of humility and honesty? What words or phrases stick out to you? How are you living some or all of this out today? How can you grow to embody this way of living even more in the coming season of your life?

Pray: Pray and ask God to work in your heart to help you to want what He wants when it comes to humility and honesty. Ask Him to help you to live in ways that bring joy to God, yourself, and others as you grow in the area of rejecting pride and pursuing humility and honesty instead.

Next: When God reveals a step or direction in response to your prayer above, make a specific plan for how you will respond. Is it a conversation you’re going to have? An action you need to take? A confession you want to make? Go and do it as soon as it makes sense to enact this next step!