

STUDY GUIDE | SERMON: MAY 17, 2020

LOVE IS NOT BOASTFUL OR PROUD

The points from last week's message were:

- Pride and love cannot co-exist
- Boastfulness and pride are two sides of the same coin.
- The antidote to boasting and pride is to honour God in prayer and listen to what He wants us to do.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you most from this week's message?
2. Have you ever been upset when you did something that no one appreciated or noticed?
3. Pastor Andrew provides this quick self-assessment.
 - i) Have I exaggerated something I had done recently in order to impress those listening?
 - ii) Have I made fun of another individual so that I might look better?
 - iii) Have I done something silly or outrageous so that I might get some attention?
 - iv) Have I used flattering words to get what I secretly want from others?
 - v) Have I belittled other's feelings and looked down at the other person?
 - vi) Have I refused to listen to other's point of view and insist that my way is always the best way, if not the only way?
 - vii) Have I lied or misrepresented other's intent, words, or action out of my desire for approval?

Can you relate to any one of these statements?

4. Read Phillipians 2:3-4 together.
5. Pastor Andrew says, "Contrary to the performance based, self promoting celebrity culture, love that is not boastful or proud looks outward and focuses on the needs of others."

What makes it hard to focus on the needs of others?

What is one way you can practice that this week?

LET'S PRAY

Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).