

BIG IDEA

Until we get our eyes off ourselves, we will never really see Jesus.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Why do you think so many people have false perceptions of themselves?

Read Daniel 4:24-27. According to this passage, what is the proper response to pride?

Compare Daniel 4:28-33 to 4:34-37. How did Nebuchadnezzar's attitude change? Where can you discern repentance and humility in the second passage?

Consider Proverbs 16:18. Where do you think pride comes from? Where does it lead?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Reread Daniel 4:24-27. Has God ever revealed to you a difficult truth about yourself? How did you respond?

In what ways might you be seeing yourself differently than others see you?

What is your natural tendency: to think less of yourself than you should or to think more of yourself than you should? Why might this be?

Why is it so tempting to present ourselves to others in a way that isn't completely true?

Are you often bothered by the pride you see in others? What might this show you about the pride in your own heart?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Read John 3:26-30. On a scale from Nebuchadnezzar to John the Baptist, how prideful are you? What practical steps can you take to move toward a "less of me" mentality?

Which delusion from the message this weekend are you most prone to believe? How can you apply Jesus' words in **Luke 9:23** to combat this delusion?

1. I'm good enough without Jesus
2. My life should be about me.
3. Being self-absorbed doesn't make me self-centered.

