



## MESSAGE NOTES DISCUSSION GUIDE

*The Success of Character - Week 3*

### **LOOK BACK** *(Reflecting on last week)*

1. Share one thing that you are thankful for this week AND one thing that has been difficult or stressful.
2. What one thing encouraged or challenged you from your personal devotions this week?
3. How did you do in putting your *"I will statement"* into action this past week? Explain.

### **LOOK UP** *(Finding wisdom from God's Word)*

#### **Sunday's message:**

1. What inspired or challenged you most from Sunday's message about Humility?
2. Pastor Scott shared how pride is often invisible for us to see in ourselves, yet so easy to identify it in others. Why do you think that is?
3. Pastor Scott also said that we often misunderstand pride as being "arrogance." But, in reality pride is: selfishness, self-promotion, and thinking about yourself and your desires above others. With this in mind, would you say that you have struggle with pride? Explain.
4. This weekend we looked at many examples and many verses about the cost of pride in our lives. Take a few minutes to discuss some of the negative results that pride produces in our lives (relationally, spiritually and emotionally).

#### **Discovery Bible Study:** *(Digging into a Scripture passage related to Sunday's message)*

1. **Scriptures:** **READ - Daniel 4**
2. **Read:** Read the passage out loud in the group and have everyone follow along in their Bibles.
3. **Summarize:** With your Bibles still open, ask someone to summarize the passage in their own words. Once they are finished, ask if anyone else wants to add anything to their summary.



4. **Discuss:** Use the following questions below to discover truths from this passage of Scripture and how they can be applied to our lives. *(Reminder, the goal is to stay focused on what **this Bible passage** says and what it means within context).*
- What caught your attention from this passage?
  - What truths challenged you most from this passage?
  - What things do we learn about who God is from this passage?
  - What do we learn about obedience from this passage?
  - What should we learn from Nebuchadnezzar's bad example? Is there anything Nebuchadnezzar's example did that would be good for us to follow?
  - Did anything in this passage bother you? Why?
  - Are there any actions or attitudes we should follow?
  - How can we practically **apply the truths** from this passage to our lives?

### **LOOK FORWARD** *(Applying God's truths to my life this week)*

#### **Prayer & Reflection:**

***At the end of this week's message, Pastor Scott challenged us to reflect and ask God to reveal to us any areas of our lives where we have compromised or any areas we need to be obedient in.*** Areas of our lives that are outside of God's will, he challenged us to repent and turn to God.

So, for the next couple minutes, invite God to speak to your heart and reveal to you any area where you need to ask for forgiveness and surrender your will to His.

What is he calling you to greater obedience in this week?

#### **Application & Action:**

- What do you sense God is revealing to your heart today?
- How is God calling you to greater obedience this week?
- **What are you going to do in response to what God is revealing to you?** Share with the group your commitment by using an "I will" statement that is measurable.

"This week I WILL... \_\_\_\_\_."  
*(be as specific as possible)*