

# LOVE PEOPLE

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# HUMILITY

Tim Keller “The Man the King Delights to Honor”  
Leader Discussion Guide

As the Leader, Read this to your group:

We don't want this to be a conversation so we have a better understanding of humility. We want to root out pride in our lives. Because of that we are going to jump in and go from 0-60 mph today Tim Keller makes a radical statement, “I want you to listen because it might save the rest of your life!” So, let's jump in...

Tim starts this off by saying that this story is a case study on pride and humility and what happens to people when they let pride rage in their life unchecked.

## Pre talk Question:

What are ways you have seen people successfully check their lives for pride?  
How do you check your life for pride or does it go unchecked?

REMINDER: Ask Group to be taking notes as they listen, so they can capture something they want to discuss.

## Questions for after you listen:

- 1.) He mentioned 2 forms of pride defined as:
  - a) Superiority form of pride – constantly comparing – it's adding up okay
  - b) Inferiority form of pride – down on self, beating self up – but just as absorber – it just doesn't work.
  - c) Which one do you lean towards?
- 2.) What would others say, “Are you someone who receives feedback well, or no?”
  - a) Keller says all pride is deadly. He also makes 3 strong statements around being prideful: 1.) It makes you a FOOL: (keeps you from learning from mistakes, keeps you justifying your actions, and overestimating your gifts). The proud can't take criticism. He says one of the best ways to grow is to learn to take criticism.
    - (1) What do you think of that?
- 3.) It makes you EVIL: it made the devil the devil = pride is not one form of sin – it is the root under all sin. One way this statement comes alive is that when you are living in pride you are in the company of the Devil. If we are in the company of the devil we aren't experiencing life and freedom in Christ or bringing life and



freedom to others. In addition to the above if we are included with the devil we are in opposition to the God.

a) How does that sit with you?

4.) **Pride is the one sin that hides itself** – the more prideful you are the less prideful you think you are. Pride is the carbon monoxide of sin. It's odorless.

a) We asked early how do you detect pride in your life. Tim says here that it is odorless, so how do you detect it? Who in your life helps you?

Keller offers up the cure as we look back at the final moments of Haman and his pursuit of love and recognition from the king. Keller put words to Haman's heart and ours as he said, "If the people saw that I'm loved like that by someone as great as that.....that I am loved by the king.....then they will know....and I will know.....my worth. my value. We don't just need love....we want to be loved by someone great."

5.) Keller also said: the praise of the praiseworthy is above all rewards. We already have the praise of God, we don't have to earn it. Which is the Cure. The cure is that yes, THE King loves me. (your group can answer this out loud or journal about it)

a) So here is the question and it is crucial to this pride and humility thing: Is it enough for you?

b) Is there a wrong king you are going to? What are those kings?

c) Why do you keep going back to those?

Remember this is the cure for pride!!

### Closing Thought:

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And

One final thought from C.S. Lewis: If anyone wants to acquire humility it is to admit that one is proud. And then to ask, Is God enough? Is His thoughts about me enough?

