



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide  
**Habits, Vices & Sins, Oh My! - Part 1**  
**LEADER GUIDE**

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember Prayer is your greatest preparation!**

Your group's success depends less on you than you might think and more on God than you realize. It's not about your abilities, your personality traits, or getting extensive training. It is about what Jesus said:

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me."* [John 15:5]

**So pray, and trust God to do great things in your group!**

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**Ice Breaker:**

\*When you got caught doing something wrong as a child or teenager what was your go to defense or excuse?

**Into the Word:**

\*Why is it easier to see "real" sin and evil in the world and others but not in ourselves?

*Special Scripture Activity:*

*Break your group up into groups of 2-3 people and assign each of them one of the Scriptures listed below to read and study. After 10-15 minutes, ask each group to report what this Scripture revealed to them about themselves, God, the vice of pride or the virtue of humility.*

- a) Proverbs 16:18-20; 25
- b) Galatians 6:1-5
- c) I Peter 5:5-7
- d) Matthew 11:28-30

**Apply the Word:**

- a) How does pride tend to manifest in your life? How do you tend to excuse it or rationalize it?
- b) How will you welcome "humblings" in your life? Is there anything humbling right now that you need to receive instead of resist?
- c) We all tend to get preoccupied with ourselves. How can you work to intentionally focus on the "better boast" found in the Gospel of Jesus? How can our small group family help?

**Prayer:**

Complete the following sentence prayer:

*Lord, thank You for identifying the sin of pride in me by \_\_\_\_\_. Help me to welcome Your Spirit more into my life.*

**Also join us in praying for our big prayer asks listed here:**

- *For our church to be evangelistic - with the result of 400 baptisms this year.*
- *That we would continue forward in being a church depending on God through prayer.*
- *For new people that came at Easter to come back and pursue Jesus.*