

DIRTY CHURCH

Arrogant Christians?

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1. What do you think is the most important characteristic of a leader? Why? What happens when a leader isn't self-aware and humble? How does their lack of self-awareness affect those they lead? Can you think of specific examples in your own life?

2. Do you think arrogance is a common character trait of Christians? Why or why not? How do you think those outside the church would answer that question? If a Christian is arrogant, what kinds of things do they most boast about?

3. How would you counsel an arrogant and boastful Christian? What would you tell them about their faith to make them more humble?

4. Why do we place so much importance on the opinions others have of us? What happens when we live to please other people? Is it a solution to try to simply please yourself? Why or why not? How does how God views you free you from the prison of the ups and downs of success and failure?

5. What kinds of things do we think are reasons for us to have a space in the lifeboat? How does knowing all of those things are a gift from God affect our boasting in those things?

6. When you read 1 Corinthians 4:8-13, do you think Paul's experience of following Jesus is normal or abnormal? If a friend just became a Christian and they asked you what they should expect of the Christian life, what would you tell them? Why are so many Christians surprised when their lives following Jesus get hard?

7. Reflect on 1 Peter 4:12-13. Why should we rejoice when we share in the sufferings of Christ? What does this mean about the path we are on?
