



WEEK 13: REJECTION DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. The concept of humiliation and exaltation are used throughout this week. Use multiple sources and share definitions of each.
2. Share the last time you lost an argument. What went wrong or how were you wrong?
3. What do you envision being rejected for sharing your faith could be like? What might people do, and how could they react?
4. Read this week's Day 3 Scripture, Acts 3-5. List who was rejecting Jesus and the apostles and who was accepting them?
5. What do you notice about the two groups (social status, power, position, resources, gain vs loss, etc.)? How do the characteristics of those who rejected Jesus then compare to those who reject Him now?
6. How does a Christian gain credibility in the eyes of those who reject God? How does that make sharing your faith more effective?
7. Brainstorm a bit about anyone else in history who endured incredible suffering and they are highly respected for the work of their lives.
8. Can you think of people in your life whose humility actually increased their influence and effectiveness?
9. Go around the circle and allow each person who is willing to share how they are convicted to increase their humility in order to increase their influence and effectiveness.
10. Read Acts 5:1-11. Ananias and Sapphira were rejected by God--in fact, He ended their lives. What did they do that was so severe?
11. Reread Acts 4:32-37. How does this contrast with what happened to Ananias and Sapphira?
12. What is your takeaway for this week?

ACTION STEP

Practice one act of deliberate humiliation. See whether those affected treat you with less or more honor.