True greatness

Sunday 17 April 2016

1. The big me (Luke 18)

2. The little child (Matthew 18)

3. The servant king (Philippians 2)

Questions for discussion groups

Some of these questions are more personal and others are more general. You may find it helpful to hear the talk at http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/.

1. Think of the names of some great leaders. How many of them are/were humble people?

2. Think of people whom you have had as your boss at work or as teachers at school. Were any of them examples of humility? Tell us about them.

3. What things would you say about yourself in a CV with a job application? (In *The Road to Character*, David Brooks calls these 'resumé virtues'.)

4. What things would you like people to say about you at your funeral? (David Brooks calls these 'eulogy virtues'.)

5. Read Romans 12. What does this chapter say about pride and humility? What does it say about our gifts?

6. Think of a proud or arrogant person that you know. (You may yourself be that person!) What would you do or say to help them "not to think of themselves more highly than they ought to" (as Romans 12:3 puts it)?

7. Think of somebody you know who suffers from low self-esteem. (You may yourself be that person!) What would you do or say to help them to "think of themselves with sober judgment" (Romans 12:3)?

8. Jesus said, "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones" (Matthew 18:10). Think of ways in which we may be guilty of patronising little children. In what ways should we be like little children?

9. To what extent does social class, wealth, levels of education and the like matter in church life? How much, if at all, should they matter?