

Small Group / Personal reflection material

PITFALLS

(25 April 2021)



1. The *Pitfalls* sermon discussed 4 different pitfalls or ditches into which we often tend to fall if we're not careful: the wrong motives, the wrong instruction, the wrong influence and the wrong attitude. With which of these do you identify most and why?
2. The wrong motives can lead to our destruction. Read and reflect on the following passages:
 - I. Psalm 7
 - II. James 1:13-15
 - III. Galatians 6:1-10
3. How do you think we can check our motives and our hearts?
4. The wrong instruction leads us to walking in the dark, rather than living in the light. Read Proverbs 4:1-19 and reflect on how you can practically put this passage into practice in your life?

5. The wrong instruction is often linked to the wrong influences, which can also lead us to pitfalls (See Luke 6:39). What are you allowing to influence your thinking and decision making at present? Are there any influences you should be guarding against?
6. How do you think you can ensure that God's Word and Truth are the primary influence in your life?
7. The final pitfall we discussed was the pitfall associated with the wrong attitude, particularly, pride. Read and discuss what you take from the following passages:
 - I. Proverbs 16:16-19
 - II. James 4:1-6
 - III. 1 Peter 5:1-7
8. How do you think we can actively cultivate humility and dependence on God in our lives?
9. How do you think we can make sure we avoid the pitfall of wounded pride that results in offence, especially in the church?
10. What will you practically take from this session?