

ACCIDENTAL PHARISEES
Journeymen, September 18, 2013
Session 2: "Pride: When Comparison Becomes Arrogance"

Matthew 5:20

"Shoulder" Pharisee (Proverbs 6:17)

Dangers of Prideful Comparison

You can only see outside (Matthew 5:21)

Self-deception or in view of self

We See and remember the worst in others (Matthew 7:8)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. As we've seen, our spiritual comparisons can be spiritually dangerous. Take a moment to list all of the downsides and dangers you can think of that can come from comparing ourselves with others.

2. It's hard, if not impossible, to avoid making comparisons. They happen naturally and subconsciously.
 - a. What are some areas of your life where you are most prone to compare yourself with others?

 - b. When you find yourself comparing, are you most likely to focus on areas of your life where you don't match up, or on areas where you tend to come out on top? Why do you think that is?

3. If it's true that we all have a list of people we naturally look down on, what types of people are most likely to end up on your personal, "I'm so glad I'm not like them list"? What do you think Jesus would say to you about your list?