Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Divine Infancy: The Humble Christ

This past Sunday, Peter and Jeremy talked about how the Christmas story illustrates a God who went all-out to express humility. He came to a poor, unconventional family, was born into an oppressed people, while on a forced "vacation," in an overflow room with animals. Humility is something God desires us to display as well, both in our relationships with others, and our relationship with Him.

Key Verse:
1 Peter 5:6 - *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

Opening Discussion:
Describe a situation in your life where you felt "humbled" (or embarrassed!) by something that happened, or something someone said. How did this impact you positively/negatively?

Looking at Scripture:
Read **Deuteronomy 8:1-18.**

We looked at this passage as part of our Transformed series, reflecting particularly on the idea that it is God who gives us the ability to produce wealth, and so we ought to view everything we have as a gift from his hand. Now we look at it with the themes of humility and pride in mind.

In the first part of the passage, what did God do in order to "humble" the Israelites? How do you think this situation helped to teach them humility? (If you aren't familiar with the story, you can read about it in Exodus 16).

Moses repeatedly asks the Israelites to "remember" and "do not forget" what God had done for them in the past. Why was this so important for them? How is it related to humility (and pride)?

What does this passage tell us about God's heart toward us in difficult times?

Reflect on your own experiences of good times and hard times. How have you seen the dynamics of pride and humility at work in your life during those times?

Have you ever seen the kind of miraculous provision described in verse 4? Are there any other parts of this passage that strike you as having parallels in your own life?

Close by thanking God for the good and bad times, and asking him to help you walk in humility.