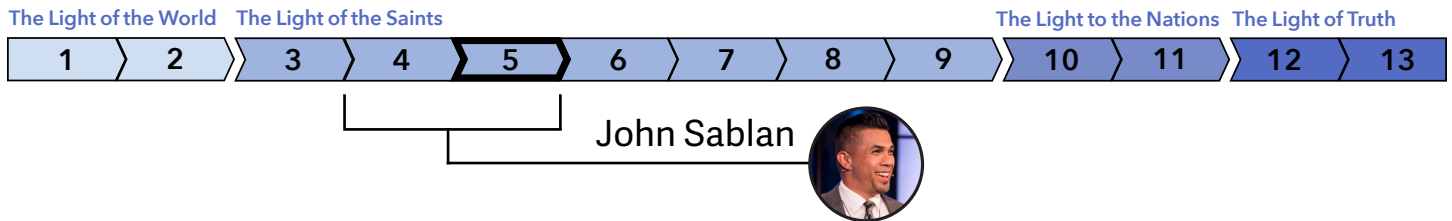


Fall Semester Timeline



Summary

John breaks open the sin of pride by defining it clearly and highlighting the 4 main forms it takes. It is the disordered love of one's own excellence and is the vice that precedes the fall. Pride is a source of our own spiritual blindness and is the queen of all vices. Commonly thought to be a desirable trait, the facade of pride is stripped to its nasty center where it's understood simply as a rejection and replacement of God with oneself. We see biblical examples of pride as well as a biblical example of the counteracting virtue needed to overcome the pride in our lives.

Small Group Goals

- A sincere discussion of personal experience and struggles with different forms of pride and how it manifests itself.
- Touch on the relationship that pride has with other sins and how re-orienting your heart towards the other can free you from bondage.
- Honesty about the difficulty of accepting humility as a desirable virtue. Discuss how self-forgetfulness can bear fruit and why pride is the easier path.

Discussion Questions

- In what ways have you seen pride impact your daily walk with God? With others?
- What are some concrete steps you can take to grow in humility?

Supplemental Questions

- What struck you most from the presentation?
- What vices do you struggle to win against as a result of pridefulness?
- What is the most difficult line for you to accept in the Litany of Humility and why?