Vainglory
Discussion Questions

1. **Look at Psalm 8**. Whose glory does it talk of in v1 and v5?[1]

    Why is it important that we understand there is a right glory to human nature, but we don't confuse this with divine glory?

2. Which form of vainglory are you more susceptible to?: ***Prideful vainglory*** - when you display your goodness - or ***fearful vainglory***, when you hide your faults?[2]

3. **Look at Jeremiah 9:23-24, 1 Cor 1:26-31 and 2 Cor 10:17-18**.

    What do you tend to boast about?

    What should the fact that God tends to use things that are considered foolish, weak and low to accomplish his purposes tell us about vainglory?

4. Whose approval should we desire most and why?

    To what lengths should we go to impress?

5. Who has been your greatest encourager?[3] Why? What was it about their naming of God's gifts in you that was encouraging?

    Can you think of a time when you sought glory for something that was truly good but which you tried to get too much credit for, or used to enhance your reputation, without showing gratitude to God?[4]

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[1] Glittering Vices 2nd ed, DeYoung, 46.

[2] ibid, 65.

[3] ibid, 66.

[4] ibid, 65.