



Week 4: ...Comparing

4 Most Common Comparisons:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

God doesn't desire the comparison mindset for 3 reasons:

1. Comparison is the death of _____.
 - 2 Corinthians 10:12
 - _____ is about being who God _____ you to be, and not who you _____ you were.
2. Comparison can make us _____.
 - Luke 18
3. Comparison can make us _____.
 - 1 Samuel 18
 - When we compare, we resent God's _____ in others lives and ignore God's _____ in our own life.

So, how do we overcome the comparison game?

1. You have to _____ what you _____.
 - Learn to be _____.
 - Philippians 4:11-13
2. You've got to _____ you are.
 - Ephesians 2:10

Start talking.

- What are some of your most common comparisons?

Start thinking.

- **Read 2 Corinthians 10:12, Luke 18:11-12 and 1 Samuel 18:6-9.**

These passages explain why God hates when we compare ourselves to other people.

- What do you think are some of the causes of your comparisons?
- Where areas of life do you need to be more content? What can you do to become more content?
- Where do you struggle most with pride? How has that pride impacted you?
- Why do we so often resent God's goodness in the lives of others and ignore God's blessings in our own lives?

- **Read Philippians 4:11-13 and Ephesians 2:10.**

These verses show us how to stop comparing by knowing what we have and knowing who we are.

- What are some of the blessings God has given you that you are most thankful for?
- How can you show a greater appreciation of the things God has given you?
- Why do we so often forget who we really are in Christ?
- In what ways did God create you to be unique? How would you describe who you are in Christ?

Start praying. *Be bold and pray with power.*

God, sometimes it's so easy to fall into the comparison trap that the world focuses so much energy into. Help me to live into who you've made me to be, and strengthen me to be your witness in every area of my life.

Start Doing:

- Confess to God what your most common comparisons are. Ask God to help you stop comparing yourself to others.
- Share with God where you are not content. Ask God to help you become more content in these areas.
- Thank God for all He has done in your life and for the many blessings He has given you.
- Tell God how pride has impacted your life. Ask Him to help you in removing all pride from your life.
- Thank God for making you the unique person you are. Praise Him.