

Sermon Questions for Life Groups, Individuals, and Accountability Groups

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CONNECT:

- Share a humbling experience from your own life.

GROW:

- Read Luke 18:9-14. To whom did Jesus tell the parable? Do the two phrases Luke uses to describe Jesus' audience fit together (verse 9)? Why or why not?
- When the Pharisee in Jesus' parable prays, what phrase does he use to describe himself? If this Pharisee were to face God one day, and God were to ask him why He should let him into heaven, what do you suppose this Pharisee would say (that is, what did he place his faith in)?
- Does the Pharisee ask God for anything? Why is this significant?
- How were tax collectors perceived in Jesus' day and why? What phrase does the tax collector use to describe himself?
- Does the tax collector request anything from God? Why is this significant?
- Read Hebrews 9:4-5. What was in the Ark of the Covenant, and what is the significance of the mercy seat covering the Ark (Leviticus 16:13-14)? How does this point us to Jesus (Hebrews 10:11-12)?
- As Jesus teaches the parable, what comment does He make about the two men and why?
- Which man do you identify with more? Please explain.
- What are ways people today make themselves appear to be righteous in their own eyes and the eyes of others? Which of these ways are you most tempted by?

GO:

- Where does pride surface the most in your own life? What steps will you take to lay that down?

To prepare for next week's message, read Luke 18:15-17.

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