

DISCUSSION GUIDE

AS TOLD BY JESUS – THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

Key Scriptures:

Luke 18:9-14

Getting Started:

1. In school, were you in the “in” crowd?
2. What stood out to you most from this week’s message?

Digging Deeper:

3. **Read Luke 18:9-14** again.
4. How would people in Jesus’ day view the two characters in this parable?
5. Why did the tax collector go home “justified before God” rather than the Pharisee?
6. What point was Jesus making with this parable?

Looking Inward:

7. When have you been like the Pharisee in this story? Like the Tax Collector? What accounts for the difference?
8. Right now, considering your attitude toward others, who are you most like?
9. Andy shared 3 traps that cause us to look more like the Pharisee, which of the 3 catch you the most?
10. Share a time when you have seen one the 3 “ways out” that Andy shared has benefited you.

Next Steps:

At the end of the message, Andy gave the following warning, talk this through together.

And the challenge is the longer you are a part of a church, the more temptation there is to become like the Pharisee, and, gang, the less we’ll be a place where everyone is welcome to Jesus. We will become a barrier to the gospel for people to hear for the first time and a barrier for the gospel to grow us in the right way, and I don’t want that. We don’t want that, we don’t want to be a church full of Pharisees like in the story Jesus tells, we want to be a church full of people who are honest with themselves and honest with God, and humbly working on things because of God’s grace.

And we need each other to help because we don’t want anybody to stay in the same place with God, one of our core values here is “We Never Stop Growing”, we want your walk with Jesus moving forward, every one of us.
