



Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Luke 18:9-14 | July 27, 2025

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What are some of the “labels” people had in your high school? Which ones did you identify with or avoid?

Share a time when you misjudged someone based on their appearance or reputation but later discovered more to their story?

DISCUSSION:

Read Luke 18:9-14

- Who is Jesus talking to at the beginning of this parable? (v. 9) Why is that significant?
- Compare the posture and prayers of the Pharisee and the tax collector. What stands out to you about how each approaches God?
- What does the Pharisee’s prayer reveal about his view of himself and others?
- What does the tax collector’s prayer reveal about his heart?

NEXT STEP:

Moving from Pride to Humility -

What’s one small step you can take this week to move from a place of pride to a place of humility? (e.g., comparison, control, insecurity to active listening, self-reflection, celebrating others)

What’s another small step that you can take this week to move from a place of separation to a place of unity?