

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Scripture: **Luke 18:9-14**

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In his parable about the Pharisee and Tax Collector, Jesus exposes the sin of self-righteousness and points to our need for his saving grace.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What is a parable? What is important about understanding literary style and context?
- What main issue is he addressing in this parable? Is it still relevant today?
- Based on the Pharisee in this text, what attributes does the self-righteous person possess? How does God measure righteousness?
- Like the Pharisee, are you unnecessarily critical of others and quick to point out others' sin while ignoring your own? Do you view yourself as morally superior to others? Do you regularly examine yourself (behaviors and motivations) in light of the gospel?
- When warranted, what is the proper way to give and receive correction in a gospel-centered community?
- Based on the Tax Collector in this parable, what are the attributes of a humble, repentant sinner? How does he perceive God and himself?
- How was the Tax Collector "justified" before God (verse 14)? How can a sinner be made right with God? How does the grace of the gospel shed us from shame?
- What does it mean to be humbled or exalted by God (verse 14)?