

Week of February 9, 2020 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

IMPORTANT NOTE for the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting contact all members of your group. If anyone was absent last week, send a copy of the Guide for this week. **You also must complete a Guide.**

Do not forget your own personal walk with the Lord. How are YOU doing?

Encourage your group to spend time on the scripture passages, Luke 18:9-14, and respond to the questions from the Guide BEFORE the meeting time. The memory verse this week is Luke 18:14.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- At the last gathering we talked about the parable of the dishonest judge. Are there any more thoughts on that?
- How did your relational investments go this week? Where do you need help?

Go over the memory verses: Luke 17:6, 17:19, 17:20-21, 18:7, 18:14. (You may also choose to go over verses from last year if you like.)

Ask someone to read the passage, Luke 18:9-14, or tell the story if they know it.

Ask the group to share their responses to the following:

- How has God spoken to you this week through this passage?
- Have you ever struggled with being a Pharisee? Has anyone ever talked to you about your attitude?
- Has there been a "tax collector" (someone whom others might consider to be not a good person) in your life who taught you about the Lord?
- Last week we asked how the parable of the dishonest judge speaks to your prayer life. What needs to change in your prayer life as a result of your study of the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax collector?

Ask someone to summarize or retell the passage.

Hand out Guides for the next passage in Luke. Luke 18:15-17, Simple Faith.

Close in Prayer.

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Remember to take this guide with you to the group meeting.