

WEEK 48:

# TWO KINDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

## PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 18:9-14

## RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 51, Isaiah 58, Jonah, Romans 3-5,  
Galatians 1:10, 2:15-21, 3:15-8, and Philippians 2:5-8

“My hope lives not because I am not a sinner, but because I am a sinner for whom Christ died; my trust is not that I am holy, but that being unholy, He is my righteousness. My faith rests not upon what I am or shall be or feel or know, but in what Christ is, in what He has done, and in what He is now doing for me. Hallelujah!”

- Charles Spurgeon

## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

**Read Luke 18:9-12. Diagnosing self-righteousness:**

**v. 10-11** - Who do you treat with contempt? Who do you look down on or compare yourself to in order to feel better about yourself? What kinds of people do you overtly or subconsciously think, “Thank God I’m not like them”?

**v. 12** - What aspects of your life do you find yourself bragging about or wanting to draw other people’s attention to? (Consider income, status, success, profession, possessions, moral values, religious activity, political ideologies, diet, parenting style, GPA, extracurricular activities, ministry position, etc.)

What are you the most sensitive or easily offended about? What is the biggest thing in your life that people aren’t allowed to criticize?

**Read Luke 18:13-14 and 1 Timothy 1:15.** Describe the spiritual posture of the tax collector. What would it look like for you to start or continue to grow in adopting this spiritual posture? How does the gospel free us up to join the tax collector in his humility?

What might ongoing confession and repentance from our areas of self-righteousness look like? How can we encourage each other to rest fully in Jesus’ righteousness?

Pray for Jesus to shape us to be a safe community where we welcome in broken, sinful people as we recognize that we are broken, sinful people who have been welcomed in based on Jesus’ gift and not our own goodness. Ask the Holy Spirit to give us eyes to see where we are tempted and drawn back to self-righteousness in all its forms.