

THE DANGER OF BEING GOOD

JUNE 23/24, 2018

SERMON STUDY

Read these verses before you begin your discussion: Luke 18:9-14 and Ephesians 2:3-5 & 2:8-10

Dive deeper into this week's message and passage from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

This weekend we looked at the Pharisees and their posture, the way they prayed, and the results. The Pharisee walked into the temple with pride, and the tax collector stood back. The Pharisee prayed with impressive language and to look important—the tax collector's prayer was short and sweet. The Pharisee was overconfident in his performance, and the tax collector was confident in God's mercy. Do your posture, prayer, and results look more like the Pharisee or the tax collector? Why?

Christianity is not a merit system—we are saved by grace through faith. How does this truth play out in your daily life? When you fail, when you succeed?

Whom do you know that is an example of this kind of posture (like the tax collector)? How can you encourage him or her this week and learn from him or her?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at what we're being challenged with this week.

Day one: Luke 18:9-12 | Confess your pride and self-righteousness to God today. Day two: Luke 18:13-14 | Ruthlessly eliminate pride from your interactions today.

Day three: James 4:6-10 | Ask two people today (who will tell you the truth) how you can grow when it

comes to being humble.

Day four: 1 Peter 5:5 | What do your last three interactions with people reveal about your character? Day five: Luke 18:9-14 | What do you notice that you didn't notice earlier? What is God teaching you through this passage? How will you respond?

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QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF

What is God saying to you through his word? What are you going to do about it?