



Humility

SUNDAY, July 31, 2022

Key Scripture: Luke 18:9–14

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Jesus just finished teaching on the importance of prayer and *why* we need to pray (what we talked about last week). Now Jesus is talking about *whose* prayers God will hear. He's telling this story to those who trusted in themselves and despised others. He spoke often of the issue of righteousness, pleading with His listeners to understand their utter inability to be righteous enough to attain the kingdom of heaven. He contrasts two different attitudes of prayer: self-righteousness and humility. This week we learn what humility really is and that ultimately, those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them.
2. Read Luke 18:9–14. Define humility in your own words.
3. Who is someone in your life who embodies humility well?
4. How many times does the Pharisee use the word 'I' in verse 11-12? What does this reveal?
5. Before he began to pray, what actions of the tax collector revealed his heart's attitude (v.13)?
6. Who returned home justified?
7. Read Psalm 18:27, Psalm 25:9, Psalm 147:6, Psalm 149:4, and Proverbs 3:34. What do we learn about the Lord and how he views humility from these verses?
8. Read Philippians 2:6-8. Jesus demonstrated his humility by his obedience. How does obedience to God demonstrate our humility as well?
9. What are some practical things we can do that demonstrate an attitude of sincere humility?
10. What's one thing you learned from Sunday's message and today's discussion that will help you become a better disciple of Christ, and help others do the same?

Now What?

This week, meditate on Luke 18:14.

