

# **Sermon Supplement from June 11**

## **The Pharisee and The Tax Collector | Luke 18:9-14**

**Warm Up:** How did the opening illustration of the preacher and the rock star help you contextualize this parable? Why do you think we tend to evaluate spiritual maturity based on outward looks and actions?

### **Dig In**

- In your own words, define the people Jesus is speaking to in **v. 9**. What are they like? What characterizes their attitude toward themselves and others? What do you think drives them?
- What would be some modern-day equivalents to the two characters in **v. 10**?
- The Pharisee in **vv. 11-12** is an example of self-righteousness. In what ways did he exhibit self-righteousness? How do people tend to do the same today?
- Why do you think moralism has such a pull with religious people today? What downfalls does moralism lead to?
- The Tax Collector in **v. 13** is an example of spiritual humility. In what ways did he exhibit spiritual humility? What keeps us from practicing spiritual humility?
- Talk about the life application principle found in **v. 14**. How is this principle counter-cultural today? How does 1 Peter 5:5-6 help us better understand this principle?

### **Wrap Up**

- What are some specific ways that you can guard against self-righteousness this week?
- What are some specific things you can do to practice spiritual humility this week?

**Prep for next week's sermon:** The Parable of The Talents | Luke 19:11-27