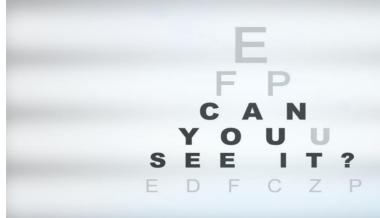
Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



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FOGETHER Water You turned into wine (Our God is greater)	SINGING TOGET
	PRAYER
ΓOGETHER As I rise (Christ be all around me)	SINGING TOGET
	UPDATES
ON Emily, Anna, and Alex Surgeon	DEDICATION
TOGETHER Who you say I am	SINGING TOGET
We pray	
ADING Luke 18:9-14 (Church Bible page 1104)	BIBLE READING
Taught by Pastor Phill	MESSAGE
FOGETHER What a friend we have in Jesus	



Can you see it? ~7 How to deal with guilt. (Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector). Luke 18:9-14

'For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.' Luke 18:14 NIV

'The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself.' Luke 18:11 NIV

TWO WARNINGS:

1. The warning of 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men.' Lu	ke 18:11 NIV
'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the si	ck.' Matthew 9:12 NIV
'The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adult tax collector." Luke 18:11 NIV	•
'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He woul heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have sinner." Luke 18:13 NIV	•
2. The warning of two kinds of	
1. He focusses on	_obedience.
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3. He focusses on	_ obedience.

'Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.' Matthew 7:3-5 NIV

TWO SOLUTIONS:

3. The solution of 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified God.' Luke 18:14 NIV	d before	
'were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else.' Luke 18:9 NIV		
'For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.' Luke 18:14 NIV		
'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' Luke 18:13 NIV		
4. The requirement of		
1. Sacrifice was a symbol of the	of sin.	
2. Sacrifice was a symbol of the	for sin.	
'I tell you that this man, went home justified before God.' Luke 1	8:14 NIV	



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

- 1. Define humility in your own words. Who is someone in your life who has embodied humility well?
- 2. Who did Jesus target this parable's teaching towards (18:9)? Do you think this problem of self-righteous people is as much a problem today as back then?
- 3. Read the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in Luke 18:9-14.
 - Who were the two men described in the story?
 - What motivated the Pharisee to pray and how did he pray?
 - Why was the Pharisee confident in his own righteousness?
 - Why did the tax collector stand at a distance?
 - What does the tax collector's posture reveal about his own attitude?
 - What prompted the tax collector to pray and how did he pray?
 - What difference did it make how these men prayed? (18:14)
 - What does it mean that one man was justified and the other wasn't?
- 4. If you consider yourself a Christian, what does being justified by Christ mean for you?
- 5. Where are you tempted to believe your acceptance by God is based on what you do or don't do?
- 6. In what areas of life do you 'have confidence in yourself?' Is this good or bad in light of Luke 18:9?
- 7. Who would be examples of "Pharisees" and "tax collectors" in our society today? How do we judge people according to outward appearances? How important are outward appearances in our culture today?
- 8. What does this parable teach us about approaching God in prayer and our prayer habits? Why does God honour the prayers of a humble person?



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