**Parables of Jesus**

**Pharisee and Tax Collector**

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1. Read Luke 18:8-14. What are first impressions of each of the characters in the parable? What do we know about a Pharisee and a tax collector from the Bible?
2. What is pride and how is it a stumbling block in our relationship with God? What can become a source of our pride?
3. Read the following passages. For each, describe the scenario and what caused the downfall.

Luke 18:9

Psalm 20:7-8

Daniel 4:28-33

Luke 12:13-24

1. Describe the character, tendencies, and lifestyle of one who is like the Pharisee in the parable. Do any of these creep into your life? Be specific.
2. Read 18:13. Describe what the tax collector is saying in that one sentence.
3. What did the tax collector have to offer to God?
4. What does it mean that the tax collector was justified?
5. How does our brokenness affect what we think about ourselves and others?
6. Read the following passages and describe the words of God to us. How can these passages help us as we struggle?

Lamentations 3:22-23

Isaiah 43:1-2

Ephesians 2:8-10

Titus 3:5

1. How does realizing that mercy from our sin is from God because of Jesus help us as we live with and interact with those who don’t know Christ?