

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

We are not saved by our self-righteousness but by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ received by grace through faith in his perfect life and substitutionary, atoning work on the cross.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Who is Jesus addressing with this parable? What's the link between self-righteousness and treating others with contempt (verse 9)?
2. What is the biblical definition of "righteousness"? What are some ways we attempt to attain righteousness to satisfy our need for acceptance, approval, meaning, and purpose?
3. Contrast the two characters in Jesus' parable. What reputation did each have in Jesus' day? What differences do you notice in their prayers?
4. What is the danger of building self-esteem and identity on achievements apart from our Creator?
5. What is the tax collector's plea?
6. The Greek word "mercy" in verse 13 relates to propitiation. What does propitiation mean?
7. How can a sinner person be made right with a holy God (verse 14)? How can God justify (declare righteous) sinners without Himself becoming unjust (verse 14; Proverbs 17:15; Romans 3:20-26)?
8. What does it mean that Jesus' righteousness is imputed, and why is this necessary (2 Corinthians 5:21)?
9. Have you humbled yourself and received God's grace? Are you availing yourself of God's sustaining grace of God for all of life?