



1. Fill in the blanks from the main point of the sermon — I stop _____ and start _____ when I rest in the _____ of Jesus.

2. Read **1 John 3:14-15**. Why does God take our hatred of others so seriously? _____

a. How can you detect the initial seeds of hatred in *your* heart? Why is it critical to learn to do this?

b. What groups of people, or types of people, or actions from people *most easily* lead you to despise them (hate, while looking down on them as though you are better)? _____

3. Read **Luke 18:9-12**. What is disturbing about the Pharisee? _____

a. What is a *prideful response* vs a *humble response* to the faults of the Pharisee here? How can I act like the *Pharisee* in my critique of him? _____

4. Read **Luke 18:13-17**. How is the tax collector different from the Pharisee? _____

a. How is the tax collector like a little child before God? _____

b. Read **Romans 4:2-8** and **Galatians 2:16**. What does it mean to be “justified” before God? _____

5. What is the difference between trying to justify myself vs. being justified by Jesus? _____

a. Why does trying to justify myself lead to *despising* others? _____

b. Why does resting in the justification that Jesus provides lead me to unconditionally *loving* others – including my worst enemies? _____

6. How will you apply this teaching the next time seeds of hatred begin to grow in your heart toward an individual or a group? _____
