



Weekend Resources

August 2, 2026

Week 2 - Self Righteousness & Hypocrisy

Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

RECAP: Not everything that looks spiritual reflects Jesus. Sometimes the most faithful thing you can say is: "That ain't it." And then follow Him into something better.

MAIN POINTS

- Stop Comparing
- Start Confessing
- Drop the Pose

GETTING STARTED

- What's something people often assume about you that's not actually true?

SCRIPTURE

- [Luke 18:9-14, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Jesus contrasts two very different approaches to God.** What differences do you notice between the Pharisee's prayer and the tax collector's prayer? Why do those differences matter?
- **The ending of the parable surprised Jesus' original audience.** Why do you think Jesus said the tax collector—not the Pharisee—went home justified?
- **Tom said, "Grace meets us in the truth we confess."** How does that statement capture Jesus' teaching in this parable?

APPLICATION

- **Comparison can keep us focused on others instead of our own hearts.** Where are you most tempted to compare yourself to others, and how might that be affecting your relationship with God or the people around you?
- **Confession is about bringing what's true into the light so God can bring healing.** What is one area of your life where God may be inviting you to be more honest—with Him or with a trusted person?
- **Jesus invites us to drop the pose and come to Him as we really are.** What would it look like for you to take one step toward greater authenticity with God this week?

RESOURCES

- **Closing Prayer:** God, thank you for meeting us with grace just as we are. Help us to let go of comparison, be honest about the places we need your mercy, and trust you enough to drop the pose. As we continue this week, remind us that you aren't asking us to be perfect—you're inviting us to walk with you in humility, honesty, and grace. Amen.