

Series: Respectable Sins

Sermon: "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Primary text: Luke 18:9-14

Book chapters: (This series is based on Jerry Bridges book "Respectable Sins". One does not have to have the book to participate in this discussion. But if one does purchase the book I will be letting you know what chapters I am covering this part of the guide during this series.)

Chapters 1-6

Discussion Guide:

- Read Luke 18:9
 - Who is Jesus telling this parable to?
 - How you "trust yourself that you are righteous"?
- Read Luke 18:10-12
 - What jumps out at you about this prayer?
 - How many times does the Pharisee say "I"?
 - What do you think this means?
 - What is wrong with his prayer and attitude?
- Read Luke 18:13
 - Why don't you think this man would look up to heaven?
 - Why did he beat his breast?
 - What does his prayer say about what he knows about God?
 - About himself?
- Read Luke 18:14.
 - Why was the tax collector justified?
- Why is it that the closer you get to Jesus the more aware of and sensitive to your own sin you become?
- Why is it that the more aware of your sin you are the more appreciative of the Gospel you become?
- How can you preach the Gospel to yourself every day in a meaningful way?
- Why is memorizing scripture like equipping yourself?