

THE PARABLES

STORIES TOLD BY JESUS



Discussion Guide – Pharisee and Tax Collector

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Matt taught on the parable of the “Pharisee and Tax Collector,” teaching us how it looks to live a humble life. Many times, we treat ourselves as above others, like the Pharisee, and we miss out on the chance to humble ourselves before God. Then, God humbles us, which is a lot harder. Instead, we should choose to humble ourselves and experience what God has for us. This is how we live a humble lifestyle:

Make It Practical

- Do not live for the approval of people
- Don’t demand what you think you deserve
- Look for ways that you can serve
- Do what’s right even when it’s painful

“Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!”

Matthew 5:5 GNT

Talk About It

1. What is the relationship among happiness and humility?
2. Have you or someone you know ever been humbled by a circumstance of situation? If so, share.
3. What is a practical way that you can follow Jesus’ example and choose to serve?
4. In what areas of your life do you seem overly susceptible to pride? Why do you think that’s the case?
5. Do you need to repent from pride in your life? Take some time to do that right now.

“Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you’ll get the wind knocked out of you”

Matthew 23:12 (MSG)

Prayer

Jesus, help us to always choose humility in our lives. When the world wants us to brag or boast about ourselves, remind us that You took the path of humility. May our humility be a message to those that may not believe in You, and would they see You through us. In Your name, Amen.

Leader Tips

Share a moment where you were once humbled. Sharing your vulnerability will help others open their eyes to times they needed peace in their past too.

Scriptures Used

Luke 18:9-14, 1 Peter 5:6, Philippians 2:3-11, Matthew 5:5, Matthew 23:12, James 4:10