



Life Group Questions

The Big Picture

Week 1 | Luke 18:9-14 | Feb 11, 2024

ICEBREAKER: When have you been in the presence of someone who was markedly better at something than you? How did that feel? Was there a lesson to learn from the experience?

1. What stood out from Sunday's message? What encouraged, challenged, or intrigued you?

Read Luke 18:9-14

2. According to verse 9, why did Jesus tell this parable, and who was the target audience?
3. What motivated the Pharisee to pray? (v.11) What prompted the tax collector to pray? (v.13)
4. What lesson is found in v.14 regarding how these two men prayed?
5. How do you approach God in your prayers? Is there anything you'd like to change in that?
6. What do you like / not like in the PRAY method introduced on Sunday? What are the benefits to using it? What are the drawbacks?
7. Why does God honor the prayers of a humble person?
8. What steps can you take this week to cultivate a spirit of humility?
9. Take time to pray as a group using the PRAY model. Don't require everyone to pray, but encourage people to take a step of faith—whether that's praying out loud or sharing a vulnerable request.
10. Encourage group members to utilize the *40 Days of Prayer Verse Packs*. Day 1 begins Wednesday. Have group members reflect on the verse each day and to pray the Faith Church prayer request listed.

BONUS 1 — Hand out copies of *Growing in Prayer*. Have group members circle the bullet points they have experience with and are confident they could help someone grow in those areas. Have them put a checkmark next to up to three bullet points they would like to grow in.

Discuss as a group. Do some people want to grow in areas that others have experience with? Ask those with checkmarks to identify one they'd like to pursue. Discuss a plan of action to grow in that area.

BONUS 2 — Encourage extra participation in prayer during this series. Besides praying as a group, pray for one another during the week. Set the pace by texting or emailing the group and sharing a prayer request. When someone else shares one, be sure to pray and to follow up for any updates.