

Immerse week 1  
Title: Immerse: Luke  
Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14  
Discussion Questions

1. This week we started our whole church New Testament Bible Reading Plan called Immerse. If you haven't started yet, it's not too late to join, grab a bookmark from the church Foyer and start reading along. If you have been reading this week what is one thing that stood out to you as you read? What was it like to read such a large chunk of scripture in one week?
2. The Gospel of Luke has several major themes: hope for the poor, oppressed, and marginalized, the fulfillment of God's plan in Jesus, and how the good news of the Gospel is for everyone. To look at some of these themes we are going to be focusing on the Parable of the Tax Collector in Luke 18:9-14. Read it for yourself, what stands out to you as you read this parable?
3. Along with the books of Acts, Luke is addressed to a single person who the gospel writer calls, "most excellent Theophilus." Theophilus was most likely a first century Roman official. As an early Gentile follower of Jesus, Theophilus wanted some questions answered: Was there a place for him in Jesus Kingdom? And was the story he has been told about Jesus too good to be true? The Gospel of Luke is Luke's attempt to answer these questions. If you could ask God one, two, or three questions about faith and our world today what would you ask?
4. Luke wrote to assure Theophilus that everything he had heard about Jesus was true, and worth believing in no matter the cost. And that yes, this story really was for him too. Jesus came to announce a Kingdom for all people. He was both the King of the Jews and the Savior of the World! This good news also extends to you too. What does it mean to you in your life that Jesus was both King and Savior?