

## Park Hills SBSG Questions

Luke 7:36-50

1. Read the passage together. What are some things we take for granted?
2. How grateful am I for grace, forgiveness and the righteousness of Christ given to me? Has this truth become too familiar, comfortable even common?
3. Play a game of “You might be a Pharisee if...” (see pg. 2)
4. Discuss biblical hospitality. Contemporary hospitality. Who showed hospitality in this story? Who is in need of grace in this story? Why?
5. Are we willing to let Christ in to “rearrange the furniture” of our lives? What would that look like?

## You Might Be a Pharisee If... by Harold Vaughn

You are glad you are better than others.

Your prayers are more like “self-talk” than speaking with God.

Your sins seem so small when placed beside the really BIG sins of others.

You rationalize that Christians who don’t agree with you are all “compromisers.”

You routinely dismiss anyone who would dare to point out a “blind spot.”

You verbally rip apart the people who disagree with you.

You rehearse your virtues when you should be confessing your sin.

You take delight in checking off your religious “to do” list.

The standard you use to judge others is “you.”

Prayer is more about you and your perception than about God and His praise.

You assume your discipline and “preciseness” indicates true spirituality.

Your memory is excellent when it comes to remembering your good works.

You glory more in appearance than in heart.

You are obsessed with externals, but blind to the internal reality of your own soul.

Outward righteousness is more important than heart holiness.

You find it difficult to fellowship with those different from yourself.

You believe you are superior to others.

You keep a list of your religious activities on the tip of your tongue.

You justify yourself by condemning others.

You build up yourself and your group by tearing others down.

You despise people who do not hold your convictions.

Your conscience is silent when you accuse and verbally abuse God’s people.

You excuse your arrogant behavior because you hold to “the correct position.”

You call your uncanny ability to catalog the faults of others “discernment.”

You thank God you are not as other men.

You really like to hear yourself pray.

Your sense of self-importance blinds you to the fact of how repulsive you are to others.

You always come out in a favorable light when you compare yourself with other men.

You feel your anger is justified because you are right and those you are angry with are wrong.

You cling to “emotional infallibility” – the belief that whatever you feel in your heart must be correct. You believe a person really pleases God by keeping all the rules.

Your theological “rigidity” is more important than all other factors.

You feel the trail of broken relationships in your past is due to some fault in the other parties.

You visually and intellectually comply in order to gain acceptance and approval.

You are so caught up in your own circle that you will do anything to maintain your reputation.

You are dominated by the fear of man.

You are insulted by the notion you may be a Pharisee.