



Greater than Grateful

Week Two: *Earnest*

Luke 18:9-14

1. We are experts at selling ourselves on what we think and what we want. What is something you talked yourself into? How did you justify it?
2. What are the things you think you deserve, or that others deserve?
3. How does the idea of deserving something get in the way of gratitude?
4. Read Luke 18:9-14.
 - a. How would you describe the Pharisee's prayer?
 - b. How would you describe the tax collector's prayer?
 - c. It's often said that prayer doesn't change God, it changes us. Which of the two men more likely left the Temple changed that day? How were they changed or not changed?
5. When it comes to being earnest or being able, which do you typically rely on? What would it look like to rely on the opposite?
6. Read Luke 7:36-50. How does acknowledging our need set us up for greater usefulness?
7. How can you be more earnest in your relationship with God?