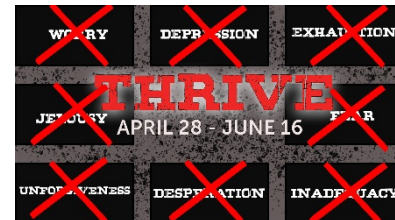


# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share about a job or assignment you felt inadequate to perform. What was the outcome?
2. Read Luke 18:9-12. To whom was Jesus targeting this parable? Who might Jesus share this parable with today?
3. Describe how Pharisees and tax collectors were viewed by the Jewish community in Jesus' day. What motivated the Pharisee to pray? How do you feel about this religious guy?
4. Who was the Pharisee ultimately praising in his prayer? What would that prayer sound like in terms of a self-righteous person today? How important are outward appearances in our culture today? The church?
5. Read Luke 18:13-14. Compare and contrast the prayer of the tax collector with prayer of the Pharisee.
6. Why did the tax collector feel inadequate in this story? How can you relate to the tax collector?
7. Why did Jesus praise the tax collector and condemn the Pharisee? What difference did it make how these men prayed? How should that influence the way we pray?
8. Read Luke 18:15-17. Why would the disciples rebuke parents from bringing their babies to Jesus? Would you have rebuked the disciples like Jesus did? Why or why not?
9. How does Jesus treat children?
10. How has the view of children changed from 2000 years ago until today in the United States? How does God's view of babies differ from our culture's view today?
11. What does Jesus' response say about kids and us when it comes to approaching God? What childlike qualities do we need to cultivate in our lives?
12. What does it mean to, "Be confident in Jesus' work for you, not in your work for Jesus?" How will you commit to model/pursue humility this week?



### Inadequate

Luke 18:9-17

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