

## What Would Jesus Undo?

### Spiritual Pride

## TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scripture

*And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'"* Luke 18:9-12 NASB

*"But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."* Luke 18:13-14 NASB

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16 NIV

**Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What life accomplishments, relationships, and things are you most proud of?
- What is your external response when someone gives you a compliment? What happens internally?

**Start Thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- How would you define the term "spiritual pride"?
- Read Luke 18:9-12. What's wrong with the Pharisee's logic? Do you ever do this?

**Start Sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Talk about a time when you were a little too confident and were humbled by a situation.
- How do you, personally, struggle with pride?
- How do you see God peeling back pride in your life?

**Start Praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

God, we want to be emptied of ourselves so we can be filled with Your grace—so we can do the work You have for us. We don't want to make a name for ourselves, we want to lift up Your name. And in Your name we agree. Amen!

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Make a simple list of everything great in your life. Then, write next to each item how God made it possible.
- Ask someone you trust to be honest with you about any places they see pride in you.