

# White Flag (Week 3)

## Clint Craig – 27 May 2018

### Discussion and Questions:

1. Read the parable of the Tax Collector and the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14 together. The Pharisee had a high view of his good habits and lifestyle. What motivates people to “exalt themselves”? (vs 14)
2. The Tax Collector took the opposite approach. Why do you think God values humility and contrition over proclaiming our own perceived goodness?
3. Humanism would have us believe that the heart of a person is basically good. But look up Jeremiah 17:9 and James 1:14 and read what the Lord wants us to know about our hearts. (Romans 1:29-31 and Galatians 5:16-21 may also be useful) Which do you prefer to believe (are we good or bad at our core) and why?
4. Last week we learned about “looking up” and beginning our prayers by declaring God’s greatness. Shouldn’t this make it easier for us to “look in” and confess our sins to him? Why or why not?
5. Clint said getting better at confession helps us to “bend ourselves in God’s direction”. The act of confessing quickly, unequivocally, accurately, specifically and humbly can be learned. If God sees our hearts and already knows our sins, why do we need to do this? See Psalm See Psalm 51:1-12 for help with your answer.
6. Jesus made sure he included three truths about his Father in the parable: he is merciful (vs 13), he is just and he has the final say. (Vs 14). How can we use these truths to help us have confidence when we confess?

If you have something in your life you need God’s mercy for, why not ask him for it now? No details are needed. Just don’t put it off. Our Father loves to hear and answer our cries to him.

### Upcoming Dates

- Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> – CORE
- Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> – Fuse Social Event
- Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> – YA Social Event