

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Some people just get on our nerves. The way they drive. The way they eat. The way they talk. Isn't it nice Jesus doesn't feel that way about you?

GETTING STARTED

1. Tell of a time when you were sure you were right, but later found out you were wrong. What led you to change your perspective?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Luke 18:9-12. How does the Pharisee's comment in vs. 11 make you feel? When have you ever been like this Pharisee?
3. Read Luke 18:13-14 & Romans 3:21-24. How is the tax collector's plea a more authentic response in relation to our actual condition before God?
4. Read Psalm 51:1-12. Describe in your own words, verse by verse, King David's prayer. Can you relate to this sort of anguish? Where does King David find hope?
5. Read Matthew 7:1-5. How often in your daily life do you fail to follow these principles? How will a healthy understanding and personal responsibility for sin help you *relate to* and *care* about other people?
6. Read Luke 18:14 & 1 Peter 5:5-7. Why does God oppose the proud? How do you 'clothe yourself with humility towards others'?

NEXT STEPS

7. Be gut-level honest. Spend a few minutes writing down your specific sins. Think about what God did to cover them. Consider this thought as you work through this exercise: ***When one recognizes his own sin and need for grace, he is far more gracious with others.***