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Our Inner Pharisee

Luke 18:9-14

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THIS WEEK:

- Pray for those I compare myself against.
- Read Philippians 2:1-6 and note the ways Jesus is different than the Pharisees.
- Ask a friend to process with me the ways I can be critical, judgmental, or proud.
- Memorize Jeremiah 9:24.

DISCUSSION

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1. Scripture is clear! You cannot be “born a Christian.” You cannot say, “I have ALWAYS been a Christian.” This is absolutely one of the BIGGEST lies of Satan!! Have you ever been guilty of thinking along those lines and believing these lies? How and where, in Scripture, does Jesus refute this lie? What’s your story? When did you step from eternal death into eternal life?
2. What are the 3 buckets that Pastor Steve spoke about? Which of the 3 buckets do you “most often” associate yourself with? Why do you put yourself in that bucket? Are you pleased with the bucket you see yourself in? Do others, who know you well, agree with where you have placed yourself?
3. When, where, and why are you most prone to land in the Pharisee bucket? (Think about Steve’s story in the grocery store and his mom with the grapes.)
4. What words best describe the Pharisee in Luke 18. Make a list. What words best describe the Tax Collector? Make a list. Do you fall into one of those lists more than another? What does it take for somebody (you) to move and LIVE in the Disciple bucket?
5. What does Philippians 2:1–6 say about how Jesus is different than the Pharisees? How well are you living these verses out?
6. Do you have somebody in your life that can speak truth to you when you become “Pharisaical?” If not, find a truth teller who can speak truth into your life (if you dare). We all need somebody like that in our life!!!
7. Read Colossians 3:12–14. Make a list of what a disciple of Jesus looks like. Which ones come easily for you? Which ones are the most difficult for you? Pray that you can dress yourself with ALL OF these spiritual traits...daily.

APPLY: What are 2–3 things from this message that you can apply to your life this week. Share with somebody to hold you accountable.

NEXT WEEK: What is the Gospel?