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Luke 18

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ 13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ 14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Luke 18:9-14.
2. Why do you think Jesus tells this story?
3. What would make people in the modern world like the Pharisee? What would make us like the tax collector?
4. When we see Pharisees in the Christian community, how should we react?
5. Because there are Pharisees in churches, should we just try to practice faith without church? Why or why not?
6. What might we say when someone says they believe in God but don't need church?

Take time to pray for for one another.